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Lambda Back For Last Stretch

LAMBDA finally hits the streets! After a few weeks of forced suspended publication we are back in force and raring to go. Unfortunately, we've had every imaginable problem, it seems, these past two weeks.

With the coming and staying of the New Year (we hope you had/are having a good one), a

number of regular staff members submitted their resignations because of changes in their schedules etc. We need more new people now more than ever!

Our new equipment, now performing beautifully, caused assorted headaches during the past weeks. This was mainly because the dealer reneged on

his promise to send an installation/instructional man up to us. Thus, through a trial and error process - many trials and many errors - LAMBDA staff finally managed to make the new "Compuwriter" and processor functional. Man, does it function now!!

Please excuse all irregularities to

date. In a couple of weeks, Compuwriter and new staff willing, LAMBDA shall be as technically perfect as the infamous GLOB AND MULE.

May your classes, professor, various room-mates, winter, the pub, ad infinitum, not get you down. If down you get, come up to LAMBDA. There's no time to

be down here. So let's see you down, no up, here.

I can't think of any more things to fill up space with. Why don't you submit some things yourself so we will never run into this problem. Just imagine... Your name down in black and white LAMBDA print.

Trying to learn what's going on in the world by reading newspapers...

is like trying to tell time by looking at the second hand of a watch.

-Ben Hetch

Laurentian University's

Student Newspaper

Tuesday, January 17, 1978

Sudbury Ontario

C.U.P. 40 Conference Bombshell

The Canadian University Press (CUP) held its 40th annual conference in Halifax's Lord Nelson hotel from Dec. 26/77 to Jan. 3/78. It was not a chance for delegates to sight-see by any means - most delegates didn't get out of the hotel more than 4 times during the week, or get more than that number of hours sleep per night.

The 150 delegates from around 55 member newspapers showed an amazing display of thinking under exceptional circumstances. Commissions were struck to study, report and recommend on YOUTHSTREAM CUP's national advertising agency; services offered by CUP; finances - like most organizations, CUP has budgetary problems; hiring of next year's staff; and the CUP Constitution. Regional caucuses seemed almost always in session.

Unemployment, the economy, financing of post-secondary education, racism, sexism and

other objectional elements in advertising, women's rights, gay rights, news writing, Atlantic Underdevelopment Slide Show, South Africa Slide Show, the film "Union Maids", "The Way We See" and "Wedding in White", newspaper autonomy, the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces, were also orders of the week.

On top of all that and to give an idea of the time and dedication factors involved, the final of three plenary sessions went from 1:30 to 11:15 p.m. Dec. 31st, while a New Year's band was warming up next door, continued Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to the larger of the wee Monday morning hours, and climaxed in a Monday 1:30 p.m. to Tuesday 7:15 a.m. session. Delegates straggling to the airport Tuesday looked more dead than alive, but were enthused, to say the least, with the week's events.

The purpose of CUP, according to its Constitution, is to play the role of an "agent of social

change" in the form of an "alternate press". That is, student papers are to provide information to their readers about themselves, their environment, their society and the forces that control and dictate their behaviour, fairly and accurately. This may also be what the commercial press claims to do, yet it has a responsibility to shareholders (=business) and advertisers (=business).

Clearly, the main purpose of a daily paper is to make money, that is, sell ads. Since most dailies are virtual or actual monopolies, they don't have to worry about circulation. But they do have to worry about offending advertisers. As a result, their content is often as innocuous, unstimulating and uninformative as it can be without losing readers with no where else to go.

Furthermore, not more than half dozen Canadian dailies do not belong to chains controlled by a handful of multi-national corporations. As a result, the news we usually see arrives sorted, sifted, shaped and packaged by a relatively small group of people whose interests may actually conflict with ours. Reporters and editorial staff are restricted in what they can write and print. The commercial press is not 'free'.

Nonetheless, the commercial press is the most widely read publication. Its readers have to base their thoughts and decisions on sometimes incomplete, biased or even faulty information.

CUP feels obligated to try to provide the missing information and play up the important things played down in the commercial press. CUP, more than the dailies, upholds the principles of freedom of information and freedom of opinion.

Views and opinions appearing in University papers often appear new and radical to our eyes. The criticism directed towards the University papers' "radical" nature only underscores the success of the socialization process carried out in the

commercial press.

With the above in mind, CUP passed motions on some very important and highly-discussed issues - in particular, the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces. See the texts of the motions under "CUP Resolutions".

CUP also moved that its member papers no longer accept CBC advertisements, since the CBC denies gay organizations access to Public Service Announcements.

Grants — Loans May Be Late Next Year

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario government's failure to establish final grant eligibility may mean provincial grants and loans to students will be three or four months late next fall.

The warning that the Ontario Student Assistance Program is behind schedule initially came January 5 from Ted Bounsall, NDP critic of the ministry of colleges and universities and has been confirmed by government officials.

Bounsall said he believes many students enrolling for the September semester this year will not receive their grant or loan money until January, 1979.

"This will result in some dropouts and some students not enrolling because they have not received confirmation of their assistance money," Bounsall said.

Colleges and Universities Minister Harry Parrott, pressed about the possibility of late loans during a January 10 meeting with the Ontario Federation of Students, could not guarantee that loans would be on time.

Parrott, however, did guarantee the OFS that eligibility periods would be included in the new OSAP plan. This was the only firm commitment which

came out of the meeting according to OFS chairperson Miriam Edelson. "We expected to get some answers and didn't get anything new," she added.

Early last fall, Parrott announced a revised OSAP plan which would set eight eligibility periods for student grants. The changes would prohibit students from receiving grants after four years of post-secondary education and would effectively disqualify graduate students and students in professional faculties from the grant program.

OSAP spokesperson Anthony Bain said OSAP is a month and a half behind schedule, rather than three months as charged by Bounsall.

Bain explained that production of the revised OSAP plan is delayed by about six weeks because details of the changed economic criteria have not been finalized.

The criteria are to include determining how much students must contribute from their summer earnings and the parental share toward a post-secondary education before the amount of a loan or grant is decided.

The final, revised plan was to have been released this month but will now be delayed until March.

.. Ye Shall Receive

LAMBDA is going to give its readers what ever they ask for. These words came from managing editor J.Laurin at an informal staff assembly this past weekend. He said that L.U. students have always been in control at LAMBDA. It has always been a matter of students writing or coming to the office to air their views. Any student who has worked on three issues in the current year has a vote on all questions dealing with the paper, for that publishing year, he said.

When questioned on the inconsistency, irresponsibility and poor quality of writing found in LAMBDA, he agreed that these problems exist. These problems have historically plagued student papers everywhere, for over a hundred years, he said.

Laurin went on to say that most of these problems come from the lack of student involvement. The first step to solving some prob-

lems was the distribution of a detailed questionnaire on all aspects of the paper to L.U. students, he said. Readers will get whatever they ask for, based on questionnaire response he said.

When asked how he expected apathetic students to take the questionnaire seriously, he protested the use of the word "apathetic" suggesting that "pathetic" was probably more accurate. The questionnaires would be circulated by hand. If need be, students hands would have pens inserted between the index and major fingers, then guided through the questions.

Later, he compared the average L.U. student mind to an old car that sometimes needed a "push start". He added that a few cars ran quite well and needed only occasional "boosts" while most were just waiting to be towed to the scrap yard.

Julius Schmid would like to give you some straight talk about condoms, rubbers, sheaths, safes, French letters, storkstoppers.

All of the above are other names for prophylactics. One of the oldest and most effective means of birth control known and the most popular form used by males. Apart from birth control, use of the prophylactic is the only method officially recognized and accepted as an aid in the prevention of transmission of venereal disease.

Skin Prophylactics.

Skin prophylactics made from the membranes of lambs were introduced in England as early as the eighteenth century. Colloquially known as "armour"; used by Cassanova, and mentioned in classic literature by Richard Boswell in his "London Journal" (where we read of his misfortune from not using one), they continue to be used and increase in popularity to this very day.



Because they are made from natural membranes, "skins" are just about the best conductors of body warmth money can buy and therefore their effect on sensation and feeling is almost insignificant.

Rubber Prophylactics

The development of the latex rubber process in the twentieth century made it possible to produce strong rubber prophylactics of exquisite thinness, with an elastic ring at the open end to keep the prophylactic from slipping off the erect penis. Now these latex rubber prophylactics are available in a variety of shapes and colours, either plain-ended, or tipped with a "teat" or "reservoir end" to receive and hold ejaculated semen.

Lubrication

And thanks to modern chemistry, several new non-reactive lubricants have been developed so that prophylactics are available in either non-lubricated or lubricated forms. The lubricated form is generally regarded as providing improved sensitivity, as is, incidentally, the NuForm® Sensi-Shape. For your added convenience, all prophylactics are pre-rolled and ready-to-use.

Some Helpful Hints

The effectiveness of a prophylactic, whether for birth control or to help prevent venereal disease, is dependent in large

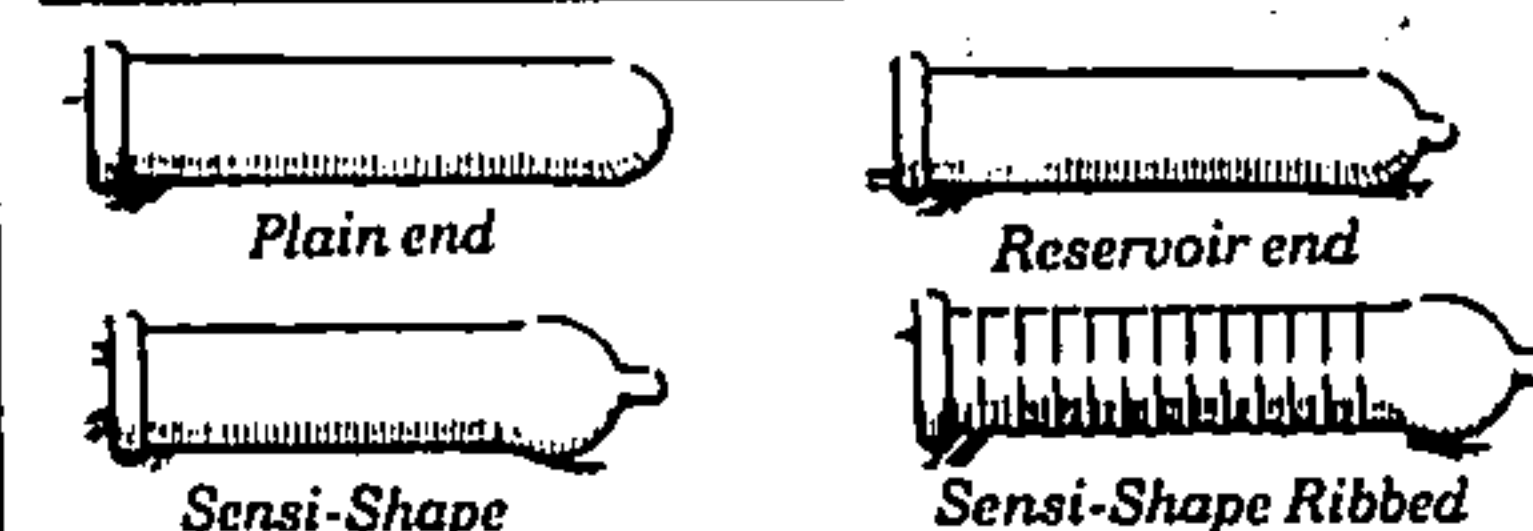
measure upon the way in which it is used and disposed of. Here are a few simple suggestions that you may find helpful.

Packaging

First of all, there's the matter of packaging. Skin prophylactics are now packaged premoistened in sealed aluminum foil pouches to keep them fresh, dependable and ready for use. Latex rubber prophylactics are usually packaged in sealed plasticized paper pouches or aluminum foil.

All of these prophylactics, at least those marketed by reputable firms, are tested electronically and by other methods to make sure they are free of defects. Prophylactics are handled very carefully during the packaging operation to make sure they are not damaged in any way.

Prophylactic Shapes



Storage and Handling

It is equally important that you store and handle them carefully after you buy them, if you expect best results and dependability. For example, don't carry them around in your wallet in your back pocket and sit on them from time to time. This can damage them and make them worthless. Next is the matter of opening the package. It's best to tear the paper or foil along one edge so that the simple act of tearing doesn't cause a pinhole. And of course, one should be particularly careful of sharp fingernails whenever handling the prophylactic.

Putting Them On

The condom, or prophylactic, should be put on before there is any contact between the penis and the vaginal area. This is important, as it is possible for small amounts of semen to escape from the penis even before orgasm.

Unroll the prophylactic gently onto the erect penis, leaving about a half of an inch projecting beyond the tip of the penis to receive the male fluid (semen). This is more easily judged with those prophylactics that have a reservoir end. The space left at the end or the reservoir, should be squeezed while unrolling, so that air is not trapped in the closed end.

As mentioned earlier, you may wish to apply a suitable lubricant either to the vaginal entrance or to the outside surface of the prophylactic, or both, to make entry easier and to lessen any risk of the prophylactic tearing.



Taking Them Off

When sexual relations are completed, withdraw the penis while the erection is still present, holding the rim of the prophylactic until withdrawal is complete, so as to stop any escape of semen from the prophylactic as well as to stop it from slipping off. Remove the prophylactic and, as an added precaution, use soap and water to wash the hands, penis and surrounding area and also the vaginal area to help destroy any traces of sperm or germs.

And now for a commercial.

As you've read this far you're probably asking yourself who makes the most popular brands of prophylactics in Canada?

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SHEIK *Sensi-Shape (Lubricated) & Regular (Non-Lubricated)*. The popular priced, high quality reservoir end rubber prophylactic. Rolled, ready-to-use.

NuForm *Sensi-Shape (Lubricated) & Sensi-Shape (Non-Lubricated)*. The "better for both" new, scientifically developed shape that provides greater sensitivity and more feeling for both partners. Comes in "passionate pink." Rolled, ready-to-use.

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Senate News

Communication between the parts of an organism must be efficient or the organism will not survive. This same truth should be applied to the structure of the University. These are channels of communication which are necessary to prevent "hasty, ill-informed and piecemeal consideration" of important matters, however these channels are not being followed.

The recent fiasco dealing with the university budget has only showed how little communication there actually exists within the university. To better understand what it is that I am trying to say let us take the cut in the library budget to examine "how people are not communicating".

On Oct. 13, 1977, Dr. Best called for a 1 1/2 per cent cut across the board in the operating budgets of all departments. The proposal was accepted by the Academic Administrative Committee and

implemented immediately. However, the President on the A.A.C. did not take into account the burden that would cause the library. The Library Committee issued a report saying that they would have to make drastic cuts in library hours by cutting student staff.

This was unacceptable to students thus I presented a motion which directed the President not to cut library hours. This was passed at the Nov. 17 meeting of Senate. The problem appeared to be solved. However again lack of communication reared its ugly head. Dr. Best issues a memo which claims that the motion was a) based on misinformation and b) out of order according to the procedural rules of Senate. On these grounds, he let it be known that he did not feel bound by the motion. Apparently the A.A.C. had met prior to Nov. 17 and rejected the library's claim that they had to

cut hours but had a surplus of \$46,000. There were at least six members of this committee present at the Senate meeting of Nov. 17, 1977 yet no one spoke up to explain the executive position in the absence of Dr. Best.

There is indeed a grave lack of communication between the President and the library (separated by 8 floors in the same building) as to what this "surplus" is. As it turns out, it is a carry-over from the previous year for books, thus the money was all ready committed. Despite this however the President submitted his budget to the Board of Governors on Friday Dec. 2, 1977 which included the 1 1/2 per cent cut taken from the library carry-over. Thus even in this, board of governor members were not aware of implications of the budget cut, thus adding a final irony to the entire picture.

Who loses in this fiasco, us the students. The library now does not have the funds to pay for books it has ordered which means that we are not going to have the books to use.

I am now asking that Dr. Best and the administration get their act together. Though this confusion is not entirely their fault, they must take ultimate responsibility as the executive element of the university. If this continues, the students and ultimately the university

are the ones who will suffer. Dr. Best must begin to listen to what people are trying to say. He can't afford to continue to "rule" in a cloud of controversy and confusion. Everyone must try harder to get things done in an efficient manner. If not, we will get caught in a maze in which these will be no way out.

With this food for thought, I leave you till next week. Until then, good bye and good luck.

Banks in Chili

NEW YORK (CUP) -

Another Canadian bank has lent financial support to Chile's military dictatorship despite growing public criticism of such investments.

It was learned last month that the Bank of Montreal belongs to an international banking consortium which is lending \$125 million to the junta of General Pinochet.

The \$55 million loan is to finance an iron ore mine in Chile's Huasco Valley.

There will also be a sizeable loan to support the infrastructure in Chile. Such loans are crucial to a Chilean economy which is suffering from a high rate of inflation and depressed prices for copper.

In 1976, the Royal Bank, the Toronto-Dominion Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia loaned the Chilean government \$125

million. European banks were unwilling at that time to extend credit to Chile because of human rights violations that had taken place in that country.

The loans to the Chilean government are being guaranteed by the Export Development Corporation, an agency of the Canadian government has condemned the junta in the United Nations, it apparently still considers the regime to be a good credit risk.

The Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility plans to challenge the Bank of Montreal on its investment policy at its annual general meeting this month.

The Bank of Montreal is also involved in a consortium of banks which has lent money to the South African government.

DN Gov't and Resource Dev.

(LU (PR) News Release) A well-known economist, Dr. Kenneth J. Rea of the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto, will deliver a public lecture on "Government's Role in Resource Development" at Laurentian University on Monday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Room, eleventh floor of the Library Tower.

Dr. Rea will speak on federal, provincial, regional and municipal participation in the development of Canada's

resources, and deal with ownership and subsidies as forms of development for the future. The general public is invited to attend the lecture and the social following. There is no charge for admission. Dr. Rea's visit is being sponsored by Laurentian's Canadian Studies programme. Dr. Rea will address the students enrolled in Canadian Studies, and anyone else interested in attending, on "World War Two and the Transformation of the Ontario Economy", at 12 noon that same day, January 16, in Room C112.

On Friday, January 20, Dr. Maria Giono will address the students in the Canadian Studies programme on "Government Control of the Electronic Media" at 12 noon in Room C112. Dr. Giono obtained a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Calgary, and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. Formerly with the CRTC, she is now in the Policy Section of the Department of Communications in Ottawa. This lecture is also open to the general public.

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L.U. Admin. Take Note!

WINNIPEG (CUP) - The University of Winnipeg is reconsidering its investments in corporations which are active in countries where human rights are violated.

The university's board of regents unanimously endorsed an investment policy Jan. 9 which call for the sale of its stocks in corporations found to be "socially injurious."

These could include Noranda Mines Ltd., which has bolstered the military dictatorship in Chile with \$44 million in investments, and Canadian Pacific and Alcan, which

both have investments in apartheid South Africa.

U of W investment in these corporations was first questioned by the campus newspaper, the UNITER, early in the fall.

The new investment policy is aimed at companies "which violate, or frustrate the enforcement of, rules of domestic or international law intended to protect individuals against deprivation of health, safety, or basic freedom."

The investment policy deals mainly with the endowment, scholarship and bursary funds of the university.

EDITORIAL PAGE

This weeks selections from our letter files speak volumes for our editorial opinions. Before you write them of as "radical", we ask that you take time to read through them along with the rest of the paper.

We would seriously suggest the following articles: War Preparations,

Has Christianity failed Africa?, C.U.P. resolutions, Canadian Banks and S.G.A. News, to name a few. We're not so demagogic as to believe that we of Lambda, have all, let alone any answers to the riddles of society's problems. We attempt instead, to stimulate though by asking the

questions. The rest, friends, is up to you.

If you agree or disagree with anything appearing in Lambda, feel free to write in and criticize. We too have a lot to learn. In solidarity with the human race we remain, yours. - The Lambda Staff.

A Dear John Letter

Dear John: (LAMBDA Editor)

This is just a short note to thank you for the Team Lambda "T" shirt which Steve D'Agostino has passed along to me.

Steve has also informed me that your staff has decided to make me an honorary member of the Lambda Publications Society. This, I understand, allows me to vote on matters relating to editorial content within the Lambda. In light of past criticisms that I am trying to gain control of the media, I am not sure that this was a good idea. However, I do accept this honour. I hope you will not be offended if I choose not to exercise my vote.

I also hope to be able to submit to you an article for the Lambda early in the New Year.

Thank you again, and best of luck with your publication.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) P. E. Trudeau

Open Letter

On Tuesday January 10, 1978, I resigned from the position of president of the School of Translators' Student association.

I resigned not because I am no longer committed to Translators their profession, their organization - I am still concerned and involved. Rather, after an examination of my principles, ideals and "purpose in life", I have reformulated my priorities, and fear I will no longer be able to devote the time needed to carry out the duties of a president.

A little while ago, I came to the conclusion that I'd been sitting back, avoiding committing myself on issues that scream out to be talked about. Oh yes! It's very easy to avoid coming to grips with things. Just keep on playing your little life. You won't get upset, you won't get in trouble, you'll make it to the peak of your career ambitions. Then what will you have? Comfortable home, car, conveniences, pension plan, dental plan, vacations in the sun. That's all very nice. But what will you have done to better mankind?

There are still so many fundamental problems to be dealt with. How can anyone ignore them, or hope they'll go away? I cannot condone a man-eat-man world. There must be a better one. To change our present one, we have to start now!

Some people are starting now. Labour unions, anti-nuclear groups, environmental protection organizations, the Ontario

Public Interest Research Group, the Peoples Food Commission, to name a few. These groups of people are all working towards goals that will benefit society. Yet too many people just don't pay any attention to them. What is this University doing? Disgracefully little so far.

Students, traditionally, are the ones who must question, examine, suggest alternatives. Of late, this role has been played down, or has not been lived up to. Laurentian University is to some extent oriented to turning out professional translators, social workers, businessmen, physical education specialists and nurses. But its sole purpose is not to churn out acceptable, marketable, finished products.

The University must not neglect its other purpose. Symposiums and films can trigger examination of issues. Lambda, serving the needs of Laurentian students can be used as a forum to air views and opinions. More use of these methods would be a step in the right direction.

I have no political affiliations. I am the first to admit there are serious gaps in my knowledge of political philosophies and systems, economics and so on. However, I firmly believe in basic, essential human rights and freedoms. I see these rights being blatantly violated worldwide. I also see them being ignored and stomped upon in Canada.

As an individual, I can no longer sit back passively or merely

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THERE IS NO R.C.M.P. AD HERE.

the RCMP No more ... ever



The above motion was passed at the 40th national conference of CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS. This motion has received full endorsement by the LAMBDA staff.

Information Legislation Sheer Folly

To the Editor:

One aspect of government folly that has been receiving greater attention in light of the controversy surrounding illegal R.C.M.P. activities is the lack of legislation that would ensure freedom of information. Many nations, including Sweden and the United States, have effectively adopted such legislation.

Our present administrative framework is set up in such a way as to easily lend itself to secrecy. Perhaps the best example of this can be found in the oath of secrecy sworn to by all Ontario civil servants, "...I will not disclose or give to any person any information that comes to my knowledge or possession by reason of my being a civil servant."

In a democratic system, such as ours, it is essential that the electorate be given access to as much government information as possible (given such considerations as personal privacy, national security, etc.). Much of this information concerns itself with the many serious environmental, social, and economic problems faced by Canadians today. Since certain aspects of these problems, if they were publicly known, would prove politically devastating, we are given access to only the information considered to be relatively harmless.

Over the last two years, widespread support has been given to people who are demanding legislation that would guarantee access to information compiled by our governments with our tax dollars. In light of this, the provincial government has established the Williams' Commission on Freedom of Information and Individual Privacy to study the issues involved. Sometime in the future, the results will be presented to the Ontario legislature.

If the Commission's report is to lead to effective legislation, it will be because the electorate of Ontario makes it clear that nothing less will be acceptable. The Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) would like to assist this process by establishing a "Freedom of Information Documentation Centre".

The information compiled by this centre will be used in developing case studies, to provide assistance to groups and individuals who want to present briefs to the Williams' Commission, to encourage the research and publication of aspects of freedom of information issue that might not otherwise be covered, and to act as a central clearinghouse to keep

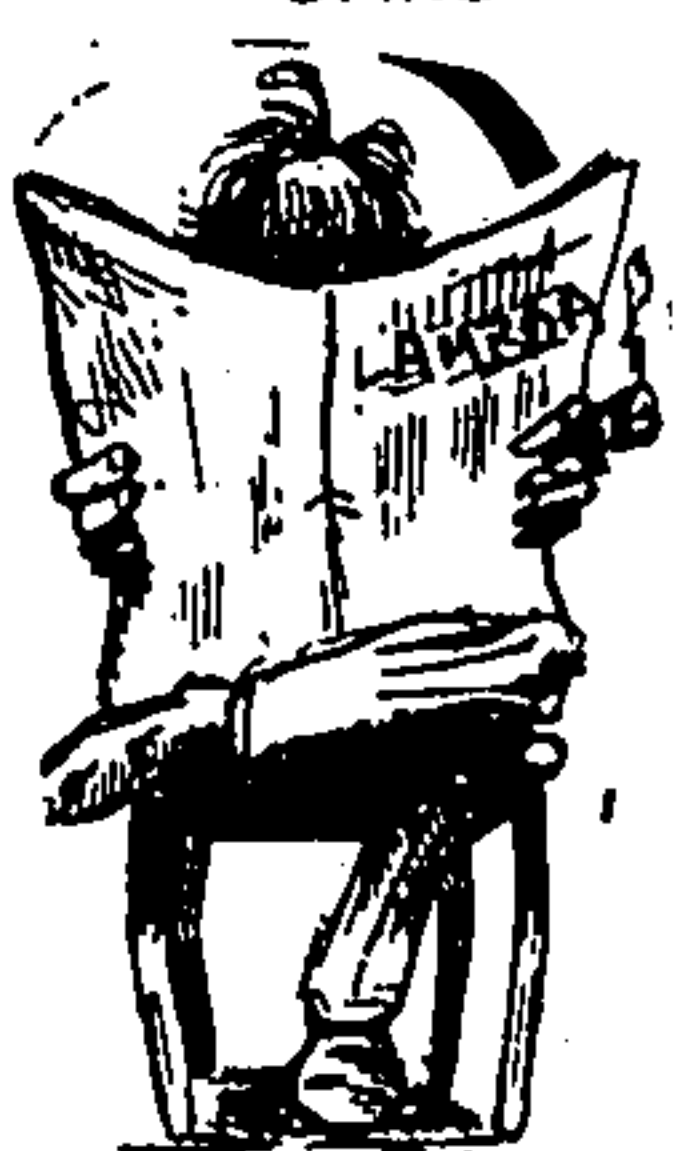
interested groups in touch with each other.

If you, or any group with which you may be involved, have ever been denied access to information by the government of Ontario we would appreciate an account of your experiences (referrals to other groups in this matter would also be useful).

Please address all correspondence, including case studies, to: FOI Documentation Centre Ontario Public Interest Research Group Physics 226 University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

Sincerely,

Dale Holland, OPIRG Volunteer



They Know?

To the Editor:

Trudeau's office recently requested a subscription to LAMBDA and other university papers. Why? Could it be that Trudeau, himself once an outspoken student, foresees that an organized network of university papers - a vehicle for airing student thought - could pose a substantial threat to his gov-

ernment? Might students initiate a potentially "dangerous" examination of issues and actions? Might examination by some provoke reactions and actions by others? Might people start thinking they are not in fact absolutely powerless to combat the things they feel are wrong?

A Reader



Dear Pierre . . .

I wasn't the least bit surprised when I learned that you would invoke the sickeningly undemocratic War Measures Act if Quebec separated illegally from the obsolete Confederation! Pray tell, oh! uncompromising tyrant, what gives you the right to impose your particular federalistic bias on a people who would freely choose political autonomy in a referendum? Who on earth do you think you are??? A capitalistic Stalin???

Your brand of dictatorial forceful thinking reminds me much too much of the blatant liberty-machine-gunning that the R.C.M.P. (Repressive, Creepy, Manipulative Persecutors) and other synonymous horrors such as the Nazi-infiltrated Interpol, the C.I.A. (Cantankerous Imbecile Association), the K.G.B. (Killing Grasping Bunch) and the F.B.I. (Forcible, Bungling Impeachers), etc., AD NAUSEAM, are so well-versed in. When you said that you didn't want to hear about the R.C.M.P., you proved - at least to me - that you were nothing else but a very superficial, too-well-installed and callous member of the status quo you want to maintain at any price till you die!

You also pretend to be overly concerned with the French Fact in Canada. If bilingualism and biculturalism are real causes of yours, then why did you subscribe to LAMBDA, the official Anglophone paper at Laurentian University, while ignoring the French language campus paper which is aptly called REACTION? I would hope that this mistake is attributed solely to your unin-

tentional ignorance in this matter, but with all the rest of your maddening statements or/and governmental policies, I remain quite skeptical and unconvinced!!!

What do you plan to do with your financially-bankrupt government, indebted for a minimum of six billion dollars (an expert on TAKE 30 said in December 1977 A.D. that if the deficit would amount to nine or even thirteen billion dollars, he wouldn't be surprised! Neither would I!!!)? Our economy is the worst since the Great Depression. What concrete steps will your ineffectual government take, in collaboration with other nations in such a state of affairs, in order to insure positive action to stimulate a depressing and decrepit economy???

If our high rate of unemployment, rises much higher a revolution will be at hand! The time is now ripe for a flaring of discontent in a nation where government only veneers its opulent ivory towers!!! I, for one, with many people of my age, am becoming dangerously irascible at the Establishment's lies, low-handed tricks and

increasing ultra-conservative backswing to repressive tactics against garrulous dissenters. Canada is becoming more and more of a police-state. When will we incarcerate our Solzhenitsyns???

Your elitist, pseudo-aristocratic arrogance turns a lot of people off. Your brand of federalism becomes a major cause for bourgeois concerns and interests. It's a well-known fact that businessmen are major supporters of Federalism, while the P.Q. is essentially a working-man party.

All this only serves to illustrate some points against your government. If my dissension causes any freedom assassins (e.g. the intolerably despotic R.C.M.P. and related undemocratic and ultra-moronic entities) to come rapping on my door, that would confirm entirely my already well-formed opinions re: our pseudo-democratic country!!!

Signed:

Daniel Rheume
an uncompromising and ultra-honest separatist Sagittarian subversive radical, yeah!!!



January 12, 1978

Sirs,

As a Canadian citizen, I must express my deep disappointment with the operations of our postal services. This entity, charged with the important task of keeping personal and business communication open between individuals, should be the pride of our Canadian institutions. It should be the communication backbone of our nation; a representative of the notion that ideas and thoughts are free to move about in this fine country of ours.

This however is not happening. Instead, we have a service that is under abuse by our secret police (RCMP) and as if to make

The Mail Question

matters worse, under abuse by the postal service itself. The University and myself personally can bear witness to this. Mail has been arriving on campus opened and its contents ransacked. Some letters have never arrived (presumably these have been stolen).

Is this the service I, as a Canadian, am to expect from this branch of government? I

hope not, for if it is, I am quite sure that a different system can be designed. After all, for the expensive fee I am charged for the delivery of my mail, I should at least have the personal satisfaction in the knowledge that I am guaranteed my mail will arrive at its destination

Robert

McCulloch



This desk needs you!
Anyone interested in becoming LAMBDA Sports Editor, drop in any time!

The Christmas

Christmas used to mean Jesus Christ's birthday. Whether he was actually born in that day is another question which does not concern me. The important thing is the message that goes with the date.

Just before the season, the University gave us a break which resulted in the residence becoming virtually empty except for people who either had nowhere to go or just refused to go anywhere.

Amongst the people who did not leave is one who decided to redefine Christmas as a period of vandalism and destruction. This is evidenced by the choice of a part of the single students residence as a target area. He/she dragged a Christmas tree plastered with snow into the residence instead of his particular apartment. The tree was finally used to ensure that one of the exit doors remained open long enough to cause damage to property or health. Remembering this time of the year in Northern ONTARIO HIS STUPIDITY RESULTED IN THE FREEZING AND SUBSEQUENT BREAKAGE OF OUR PIPE.

Everybody who lives around the area will have to chip in a couple of dollars to effect the

repairs since the vandal could not be named.

Yet last Thursday, a supposedly good student went into the pub apparently still in the Christmas madness to get over drunk which is a good idea. He ended up assembling all empty bottles there and making sure he left all of them in fragments all over the floor.

I would like to think that what an individual does is not my business. When I have to be forced to pay money for repairs or get bruised, I cannot help being concerned by these irresponsible acts.

People often say that today's youths will be tomorrow leaders. Are the people who behave like that going to lead anybody in the future? If so what can we hope will be offered then outside the destruction of property if not life.

If we intend to benefit from our stay in the university and be of use to mankind, I strongly suggest that we apply a bit of moderation in those ugly things we do. All it requires is a second thought instead of jumping up at the first thought of havoc.

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How Do You Rate?

by j. laurin

- 1) With education, we are armed with the tools to question. Why, then, the cutbacks in educational spending? Is this linked to increased defence and police power and spending? (yes/no).
- 2) Most Canadians, indeed working people everywhere, earn their daily bread in the employ of large and small businesses. Millions of them lose their jobs annually. The highly mobile corporation abandons areas virtually at will. It leaves behind industrial wastelands and decimated life supporting local economies. This is done in search of higher profits and the exploitation of cheaper labour markets elsewhere. Is the condition of human existence more important than profit? (yes/no).
- 3) Recent revelations indicate that Dutch kings, Japanese emperors and American presidents will act against the interests of the people they claim to protect, honour and serve. This is done to further self interests. Should we allow the status quo to exist if it means that some of us are above reproach? (yes/no).
- 4) Society, the military and paramilitary build and defend class differences within their respective structures. Are these "privileged citizens and officers above reproach"? (yes/no).
- 5) Is it obvious that all class distinctions should be abolished? (yes/no).

If you answered "yes" to questions 1,2,5 and "no" to 3 and 4, you are probably a socialist or of some other left wing persuasion.

If you answered "no" to questions 1,2, and 5 and "yes" to 3 and 4, you could be a fascist or some other right wing persuasion.

If you thought this was so much nonsense, then you are probably an anarchist. This strange animal believes that nothing could or should ever be resolved. More to the point, "it's all useless". You may be right or you have not examined enough facts or asked enough questions. You better hurry, doors to information in this country are being slammed shut at an unprecedented rate.

STROKERS BOX

by Arthur J. Frechette
plus horde



Greeting and welcome back to these harrowing halls of learning. Unfortunately, the worst is not yet over. Only three more months to go before the END. In more ways than one for most.

It was a disastrous holiday for some. The list of victims engaged over the vacation goes on and on. Condolences to Sue Clay, Margret Walraven, Karen Henley, Sandra and Pat, Rick B. as well as Louise and Sue and Don. What fools these mortals be. I shouldn't be so cynical. A man is incomplete until he's married, then he's really finished.

Most of the cast from last year found their way back, but we lost a few, and gained a few. It evens out. Welcome to Andrew and Nadine to mention a

The year started off on a decent note. Second BLUE (girls) and second RED (boys) had a break-your-resolutions party. There was dancing till the wee hours with lots of noise, lots of people, and very little light. A good time was had by the degenerate masses who attended. As you may guess, I was there of course.

Not too much happened over the holidays. The university was deserted with just a few fools and diehards left.

Denise T. had a colourful incident on the ski slopes the other day. Colourful is the word. She got caught in the eye with the sky tow and it's all nice peaceful shades of blue and green. But luckily she's alright. Even luckier, she had to go to the General Hospital for treatment and got away with her life and her sight.

Winter Carnival is getting underway and it looks like this year will be the greatest ever. As usual, Diane Meager and myself will be on hand on Saturday with all the pancakes you can eat for a nominal charge. Be there, it's an offer you can't refuse. But no alcohol will be available. (Usually by that time you don't need any more - HOT STUFF).

NEWS BULLETIN: Third Brown got raided Monday night. The extent of the damage was minimal. The raid lacked imagination and finesse, supporting the contention it was done by a girl's floor. Suspects are being investigated.

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groan and roll, my eyes in disbelief when I see rights violated. I must voice my concern and get others concerned.

What do you think of Trudeau's New Year's Eve comment? (He has sent troops into Quebec once, so we really shouldn't be surprised.) Personally, I was floored. I truly thought - naively, it seems in retrospect - that the separation question, and all others, could be solved without shedding blood. We are not a blood-thirsty nation. I hope! The R.C.M.P. is presently under fire. Many, many aspects of the nation we call Canada are now in jeopardy.

Some people on campus are thinking about these things, a group of students - an elite if you like - who report, write columns, hustle for advertising and work long hours to get LAMBDA out. (Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, this is the first issue of 1978.)

We've all heard complaints about LAMBDA. (You can do it officially on a questionnaire coming soon.) Some say the views printed in LAMBDA do

not represent those of the Laurentian community at large. There is some truth in that statement. But whose fault is it?

Every student has the right, and is urged, to come in to LAMBDA, help out (it doesn't take long to learn), and write. The thought gems of students, and professors are sought after. LAMBDA cannot drag your thoughts out of you, but if you offer them, you can only benefit the paper, by helping it fulfill its role of an "alternate press", and benefit its readers, by clearing up misconceptions or presenting viewpoints as yet unknown to them.

I've stopped dead in my tracks to consider some damned frightening things going on in Canada right now. I, as one small person, may be able to do or say some small thing which might start a thought reaction. LAMBDA, as a member of CUP, the nation-wide network of university papers, offers to all the opportunity to do some small thing. Small things are the building blocks for greater things. Let's build!!

Barbara Dingwall

What's With The SGA Anyway?

by William Bradley

A number of items of concern to the student body:

1. Due to the resignation of Bonnie Flood before Christmas, Council opened up applications for a new treasurer. Only one such formal application was received, being that of Jan Roejskjaer, a second year Commerce student. Jan had spent a lot of time helping Bonnie with the books, and indeed filled the position in the interim period before a permanent Treasurer could be found. His familiarity with the operation plus the positive recommendation of his peers and professors of his school department facilitated his being accepted by Council as a qualified Treasurer. Jan also requested that Council back his attempt to secure an apartment in Married Students for himself, giving as reasons the unsatisfactory arrangement at home (Lo-Ellen Park) and the need for privacy that his regular school work and additional duties will entail. Some councillors felt this could set a precedent, but, Jan replied that his was a special case as stipulated by Paul Menard, Director of Services. After his term of office is over, he will be requested to move out. The vote was close - 7 in favour, 6 opposed. Councillors recalled Jan's commitment to the financial integrity of the SGA and the long hours he has spent in the office with Bonnie and the other members of the Finance Committee. At any rate, Jan will have a new home this Monday.

2. HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR TEACHERS?

It was requested that the SGA make public its concern with faulty teaching methods, lack lustre lecture material, unfair marking schemes, etc. Pat Legris noted that he had been taking cases right to the administration and bypassing the departments as somehow there has been a tendency for nothing to be done at that level. At this time the university has been experiencing financial difficulties and just as students, who are only interested in having a good time, have no right to waste the taxpayers' money by being here, so too, there should be no place for profs who are only concerned with publishing or research at the expense of teaching. From what I have

heard, there may be a few degenerates who just could not care less about any aspect of the task. Time to trim a little 'fat' off the faculty!

For those with beefs, we recommend documenting your case as much as possible, gathering information (i.e. data on the failure rate or the average mark or the number of withdrawals from his/her course etc.) and support from fellow "victims". Bring your documented case to P. Legris: The SGA Office, Students Street, 673-3647, or 402, Married Students. OR William Bradley, the SGA Office, Students Street, 673-3647, or 809, University College, 675-5484.

3. It was requested that the SGA set up an EMPLOYMENT Committee to look into ways of creating summer jobs for Laurentian students, possibly taking advantage of L.I.P. or Secretary of State grants or whatever. If you have some ideas for job creation, ask Cathy Lindsay in the SGA Office or possibly myself.

4. An SGA member, Barbara Dingwall, is looking into bringing films to Laurentian, possibly using the President's Dining Room. A coffee house may also be in the offing for February

initiated by a student and a couple of profs.

5. Notice of Motion by T. Schoffer/B. Bradley: "That Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended to include the following statement: 'However, should any council member present a medical certificate to the secretary, signed by a practicing physician, indicating why he/she was absent, it should not be considered as a missed meeting and shall therefore not be considered as an absence to a Council meeting. This shall be retroactive to the beginning of the 1977-78 SGA council meetings.' This was further amended to include regular class time or special class time (i.e. a field trip, but, necessitating a note from the prof). Without such amendments, several councillors would have been eliminated from council for failure to attend meetings due to class conflicts. To avoid the problem, the SGA now meets every Monday at 5:00 in the 11th floor Senate Chambers. All are welcome to attend! P.S. Contact Gord Revey (673-0150) for information on the Gong Show (\$200 in cash prizes).

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War Preparations Is Something Happening?

BY JOHN LAURIN

Before retirement, General J. A. Dextraze, then Chief of defence staff, made this political statement on national visual, audio and print media: "Canada cannot be divided". As an appointee of the government, he was the single most powerful military man in Canada. He was, in fact, so powerful, that one of his subordinates, a Canadian General who is second in command of NORAD, could deploy the entire American and Canadian defense establishments.

GENERAL BREAKS LAW NO ONE QUESTIONS

A public political statement by a military man of any rank in Canada is against existing Canadian law and for obvious reasons. Captain Doug Caie, press liaison for the Armed Forces Chief Information Officer, countered this with the suggestion that General Dextraze gave only his "personal opinion". I asked him what repercussions there might have been if in Dextraze's opinion, "the Canadian government was incompetent and something should be done about it". He answered that there could have been serious implications, indeed. After all, General Dextraze is a federal government appointee. Little wonder his illegal actions were not questioned.

As a soldier, General Dextraze was a public "servant". He has since retired from his humble role to a pension of a mere \$30-35 thousand annually, and he has accepted the post of Chairman of Board of Directors for Canadian National Railways. What next, a cozy seat on Senate?

WHITE PAPER* VIOLENT REVOLUTIONARIES

The government's White Paper on defence, "Defence in the Seventies", pointed out the purpose of defence was also internal suppression of "the threat to society posed by violent revolutionaries" and situations such as the 1970 October Crisis in Quebec.

We have witnessed a complete about turn in Canadian Defence policies in less than one year. From an extensive austerity plan which involved attrition and the closure of C.F. bases, to increasing every facet of defence spending by over 15 BILLION dollars. This is an increase of almost 12 billion over three years.

In the 1977 budget alone, the Trudeau government has indicated that it plans to spend 4.8

billion for the military; that is, about 11½ of the national budget. Defence spending is to rise by 12½ above inflation until 1981. The government plans to step up recruitment to expand the Armed Forces by 5,000 next year.

\$15 BILLION IN PLANNED EXPENDITURES

On December 22, Defence minister Barney Danson announced that the government will spend 63 million as the first step toward buying 6 new patrol frigates at a cost of \$1.5 billion. This is the latest addition to a year-long expansion program. Also announced this past year are the following: the purchase of 18 long range patrol aircraft (\$1 billion), 700 armoured cars (\$350 million) only of use in "riot control", 200 leopard tanks (\$350 million), 130 to 150 fighter aircraft (\$2.1 billion), the E3A Airborne warning and control system (\$200 million), refurbishing Armed Forces bases and construction of a new base in the Arctic (\$50 billion), new ship repair facilities (\$100 million), replacement of 20 destroyer class warships (\$10 billion) and

many smaller purchases totalling hundreds of millions of tax dollars.

NATO /REAL REASONS

The main reason given the public for this spending spree is the "NATO Commitment". According to Capt. Doug Caie of NDHQ, "Canada cannot increase its NATO force because this would upset the delicate balance of power and this would irritate the Warsaw Pact nations".

One possibility is that the government's motives are to be found by examining the home front. Recently, Trudeau said he would be willing to send troops into Quebec. This statement, considered with the White Paper, bring an ugly picture into focus.

Now we will examine a few less obvious, but nonetheless real, facts.

In 1976, the Armed Forces announced that C.F. Base Edmonton home of the "elite" Airborne Regiment which consists of 1000 "commandos" and about 2000 support troops, would be closed as an austerity measure. These troops were moved to the

Ottawa valley, specifically C.F.B. Petawawa. The Ottawa valley is the Quebec border. C.F.B. Edmonton is still fully operational and austerity is a thing of the past. This force could be mobilized in hours.

We must remember that armies must take every measure to conceal the real nature of their activities. Planned obsolescence of military hardware is an existing strategic measure. We must, after all, "keep up with the times". Instead of a continued reasonable level of spending to maintain constant defence levels, armies use the planned obsolescence trip to justify massive re-arming and expansion.

Ludicrous, you say? However, the raw facts are true.

SIMILARITIES TO PRE- WAR GERMANY

Historically, we have not pieced the evidence together until after the fact. The world is still reeling under the impact of Hitler. Granted, war preparations always take time. The Trudeau government has been in power for over ten years. The comparison may seem silly, but the parallels are frightening.

To name just a few similarities,

begin with the Katimavik program. This plan was to take all unemployed youth, grouped in paramilitary organizations for ten month stretches, pay them one dollar a day plus \$1,000 at the end of the "stint". This was similar to the Hitler youth of pre-war Germany and is to be staffed by Armed Forces personnel.

Racial tension is building up in this country. This is only too much like anti-semitism. Police power is being increased and we are facing economic hardship. Through Bill C-23, the government attempts to blame the immigrant for all the social ills. With the Unity "issue" and subsequent onslaught of pro Canadian advertising, the Federal government is putting out, Canadians may be developing national and racial chauvinism.

Of course, there is not enough evidence here to come to any conclusions. If we are to protect our freedom, we must "stand on guard for" we. Questions are the keys and answers (information) the door to understanding what is really happening in Canada. Alas, we may never know. Sources of information are drying up...Is something happening?

An A.E.F. Manifesto

L'A.e.f. de...troues! That was the title of the manifesto written by Diane Bellavance, Aurele Bertrand and Michel Dupuis (all members of the A.e.f. Council), which prompted the Francophone general meeting in the Education Building last Wednesday.

In the strongly-worded manifesto Bellavance, Bertrand and Dupuis denounced A.e.f. President, Robert Houle, and V-P Guy Desmarais, as not representing and defending the true interests of Laurentian's Francophone population. The Three accused the Executives of conservatism, lack of leadership, bureaucratization, collaborating with the Administration, holding interminably long meetings, refusing to reveal important information, hampering the French newspaper REACTION's activities, not fighting for the maintenance of the Service d'animation and the Francophone registration day, and allowing the "Entre deux/Grenouillere" to be turned into a cloak room/storage area.

At the general meeting, reasonably well-attended by Francophones (and two Anglophone infiltrators), students expressed the concern that Houle and Desmarais were putting too much emphasis on social activities or "social masturbation", rather than "political action"

necessary to guarantee the existence of the French population on campus. They were accused of maintaining the status quo by backing off on Francophone issues, rather than acting aggressively. One Francophone pointed out that the most vocal groups usually win out, and that the A.e.f. has thus far not been at all vocal.

Desmarais agreed that there was "maudit paquet de problèmes", but pointed out that specific and concrete recommendations do more to change the A.e.f. than a manifesto, criticizing, but offering no constructive solutions.

Houle and Desmarais explained their actions to the best of their ability. Houle pointed out that when Senate decided to cut the Francophone registration day, he had not yet commenced his term in office, but that he responded by making sure that the majority of workers at registration were bilingual, and that every student was specifically asked whether he wanted to join the A.e.f. or the SGA. Houle also underlined the importance of paperwork, to provide documentation for future Councils.

A.e.f. members in attendance complained that every time the University faced budgetary restrictions, the first areas to be chopped are Francophone ser-

vices and courses.

It was pointed out that Wednesday's meeting was the first constructive attempt at communication this year, and only took place through the initiative of the manifesto-writers.

Houle, Desmarais and others countered by saying that REACTION is the official organ of communication, and said that it should be used even more in the future. The A.e.f. recently approved a motion to ensure increased funding for REACTION, since it is the most tangible A.e.f. service.

Houle and Desmarais announced their intention to hold open meetings for each academic unit, at which would be accepted recommendations on future French-language courses. The purpose behind this move is to give input to the University's long range plans, in order to guarantee the continuation of French-language programs at L.U. Houle also cited the establishment of a quiet pub "within a month", speakers, telephone interviews and Carnival activities as services to be offered this term.

One speaker said the basis of all the problems encountered by the Francophones laid in the fact that there has never been enough of an intellectual movement on campus, to really

define what a Francophone is, and what Francophone objectives should be.

Some students suggested that militant, 60's-style demonstrations would uphold their rights, but this course of action was not agreed to by all.

Several students also expressed their disgust at receiving letters from the Administration in English, and deplored the so-called bilingual quality of the University.

At the end of the meeting, concrete proposals to the effect that the A.e.f. establish a political action program in view of the problems discussed, and orient students to the Francophone issues on campus, were agreed to.



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Here's Your Carny CA

Saturday, January 28, 1978

AEF Torchlight Parade and Square Dance. This year's carnival will be kicked off with a good old-fashioned torchlight parade. Everyone will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the VIP Square. From there, we'll circle the campus, visiting all the residences, getting people to join us. The windup will be the AEF Danse de Bon Vieux Temps, an event no-one will want to miss! Come out and join us to make this the best Carnival ever!



Sunday, January 29, 1978

AEF Brew and Pancakes 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Ice Slalom - Sudbury Sports and Light Car Clup - 1 p.m.
SGA vs AEF in a Football on the Snow match w p.m.

Monday, January 30, 1978

Houseband in the Great Hall - Big Red Ford Beginning at 2 p.m. everyday during Carnival

'30 Plus' Club 2 p.m. to 12 midnight

Rules:

1. You must consume 30 cold ones during the course of the competition.
2. The competition will run for 10 hours and only 10 hours.
3. If you are in Arts, you must submit a note from your parents with your application.
4. Only the first fifty applications will be considered for the competition.
5. Engineers will preside over the festivities. These engineers will be sporting hardhats.
6. The referee will use his own discretion when deciding who will be able to continue in the competition.
7. If you are deemed by the referee and scorekeeper to be a successful applicant, you will be rewarded with a '30 Plus' baseball cap.



Entry Fee \$15.00.

Dance in the Great Hall - 9.00p.m. to 1.00a.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 1978

AEF Sleigh Ride

AEF sponsored Dance - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 1978

Car/Pub Rally - 12:30 p.m.

Rules:

1. You must check in at each hotel with the Laurentian representative there before ordering your refreshment.
2. The driver is not allowed to participate. If he is caught imbibing, both he and his team will be disqualified.
3. Anyone caught damaging or stealing hotel or pub property during the car/pub rally will automatically disqualify and be barred from all other Carnival events.
4. Laurentian University and the S.G.A. will not be held responsible for any damage to you, your property, your sanity or your dignity incurred during this event.
5. Each drinker must drink two refreshments at each hotel with the exception of one the pub, where on refreshment will be consumed upon return.
6. The team must follow the hotel route as specified.
7. This event is NOT a race. The team whose time is closest to the random trial run time set previously wins.
8. Have a good time and take care. God bless you.



9. An entry fee of \$4.00 per person must be paid before leaving.

10. Four people per car: 1 driver and 3 drinkers.

11. Take 500mg. units of Vitamin C before leaving.

N.B. A U.C. van. will be taking people who don't wish to go as a team. Preference will be given to U.C. members.

Curling Bonspiel 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A mixed curling bonspiel (2 men and 2 women per team) will be held at the Idylwyde Golf and Country Club at 400 Walford Rd. E. The skip is to leave his/her telephone number and team member names on a entry form at the S.G.A. Office, Room G-9, Student Stree. Curlers must supply their own brooms and soft soled shoes are to be worn on the ice. The first 16 teams to apply will be allowed to enter. For further information, contact Alan Sidock, Room H-20, Huntington College, 675-5157. The entry fee is \$8.00 per team. Molson Awards will be presented to winners.

Cross-Country Ski-A-Thon - 1 p.m.

Skiers of no matter what calibre are invited to come out and try the various ski trails behind the Phys. Ed. Centre. For those with no equipment, the Outdoor Centre will be renting skis, poles and boots for only \$2.00 for the afternoon. It is an open event, and everyone is free to go where s/he pleases. Later, beginning at 2:30, hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts will be served at the snack bar on the first floor of the Phys. Ed. Centre. We hope that everyone will come out and enjoy this event.

Bierfest in the Great Hall at 9 p.m. with the Oompah Band.

Thursday, February 2, 1978

Indoor Events

1. Spaghetti Eating Contest - Hitching Post 12 noon. Each individual must consume $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of spaghetti with sauce, while being timed by a carnival official. The fastest time wins. (the losers will be allowed to finish their spaghetti.)
2. Chocolate Slosh - Great Hall - 12 noon There are two people to a team, of the same or opposite sex. Both players wear green garbage bags and are blindfolded. One player holds 6 marshmallows and the other layer holds a dish of chocolate syrup. One partner must dip the marshmallows in the syrup and put them in the mouth of the other partner. The first team to eat all of the marshmallows and say "How many pecks of peppers did Peter Piper pick?" wins.
3. Cap Snappery -Bowling Alley - 1 p.m. Rules: All caps to be considered valid for competition must be okayed by the referee prior to each shot.
2. The contestant will have 30 seconds from the time s/he enters the shooters circle to release his/her cap.
3. Caps must hit within the boundaries of the competition to be considered as a score. Measurements will be taken to where the cap hits.
4. Contestants will have their shots disqualified should they, a) walk out the front of the shooter's circle or b) leave the shooter's circle before his/her cap has hit.
5. Each contestant will have five shots with his best shot considered for a berth in the finals.
6. The finals will be a five-person shoot off; each contestant will be allowed five shots.
7. The referee will have last say on any situations which may occur during the competition.

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4. Elbow-bending and Quick-draw Contest Great Hall - 2 p.m.

Rules:

1. This will be a multiple elimination contest. Male and Female teams, sponsored by colleges, residences and faculties. Will consist of four people each.
2. Two teams will down a total of twelve snowballs, (3 each) with the fastest time winning the round.
3. An entry fee of \$2 per snowballer (\$8 per team) will have to be paid upon presentation of your entry forms.
4. Entry forms must be recieved by January 23, 1978.
5. The teams winning the first round will have a 20-minute break and then will proceed to the second round. The two finalists in each division will meet in the play-off, with the fastest team gaining victory.
6. Entrants will be asked to sign a waiver and will also have to follow the rules of the game as stated on the entry form.

Tug-O-War Contest: VIP Square (infront of Library) at 1 p.m.

Rules:

1. Entry open to all Laurentian community members: male and female.
2. The teams will consist of 8 contestants (4 guys, 4 girls).
3. The teams will be paired off, the winners of each contest competing later in the finals.
4. Each paired team will be placed equi-distant from the centre line. The team that succeeds in pulling the opposite team across the centre line becomes the winner of that war and becomes eligible to compete in the finals.
5. The judge's decision is final.
6. Good luck!



Log Sawing and Hammer-and-Nail Contest (upon completion of the Tug-O-War)

Rules:

1. Fastest time wins in both categories (male and female).

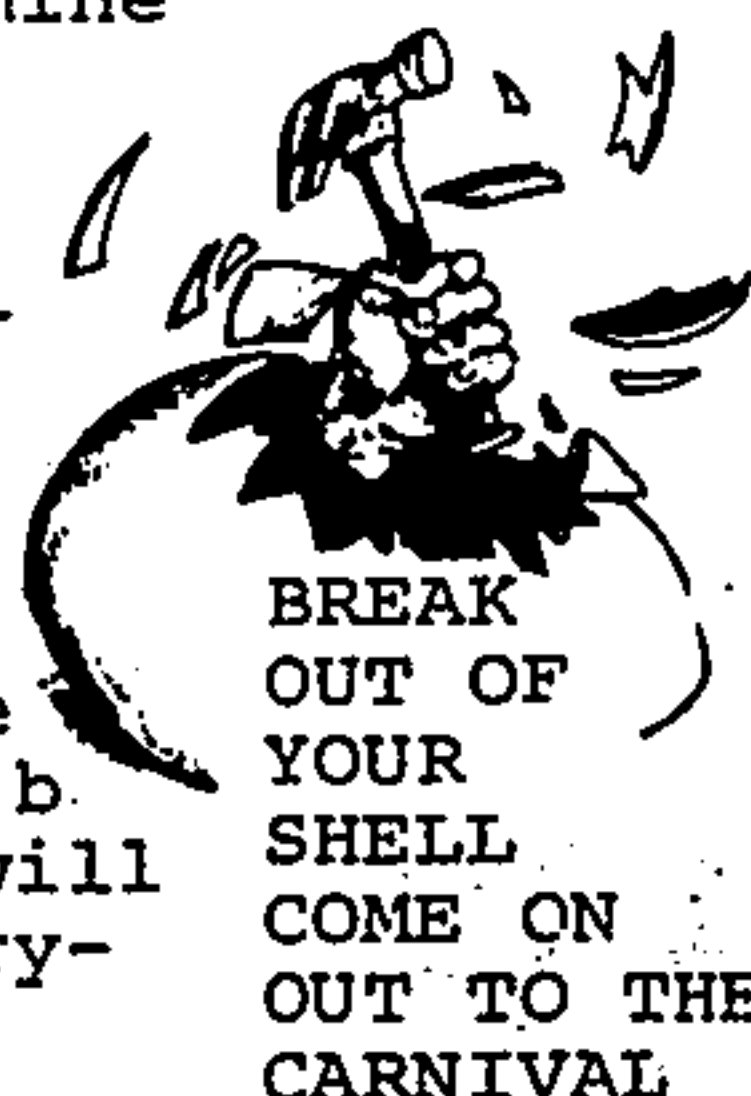
Hammer-and-Nail Contest Rules:

1. Four people per team (male and female).
2. One person hammers in a nail, second team member takes over on next nail etc.
3. The fastest time wins.

The Gong show - 8 p.m. in the Great Hall

Rules:

1. The act must exceed 60 seconds in duration.
2. If the act is gonged, it must cease immediately.
3. The act representative must report to the stage coordinator 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the act.
4. Acts will be judged on creativity, content and audience reaction.
5. Three judges will score the act out of a possible score of 10 points each. In case of a tie, the audience will determine the winner.
6. Entry fee for the Gong Show is \$2.00.
7. First Prize is \$99.99; Secon Prize is 66.66; Third Prize is \$33.33. Carling-O'Keefe Awards will also be presented.



Friday, February 3, 1978

Molstar Ski Team at Onaping Ski Hills. The school of Phys. Ed. Council is organizing buses to the hill in the afternoon. There will be a nominal fee for the return trip. Everyone is encouraged to go.

APRES SKI - Great Hall - 9 p.m.

Campus Pub Crawl - 7 p.m. - The Vaoyageur Pub

Rules:

1. This event is open to 60 couples at a fee of \$3 per couple.
2. The fee is non-refundable nor non-transferable.
3. The couple will consist of one male and one female, tied together at the ankle with a sealed rope.
4. Breaking of the seal results in disqualification.
5. There will be six stops, beginning and ending at the pub.
6. Special tickets will be used to obtain your "token" at each stop.
7. The couple closest to the winning time, which will be established prior to the running of the event will receive a prize.
8. Each person will consume a minimum of 8 tokens each.

Saturday, February 4, 1978

Ball Hockey - Various places at a time to be announced later

1. Ball Hockey is open to both male and female teams.
2. The event will be held a 1) U of S Rink; 2) the Front Parking Lot at Huntington; 3) the lower U.C. parking lot.
3. A team will consist of 10 players, with an entry fee of \$5 per team which will be collected when the team is entered.
4. There will be a male and female division.
5. There will be a maximum of 24 male teams and 8 female teams entered, on a first-come first-served basis.
6. Regular hockey rules are in effect, except those rules of offside and icing which do not apply. However a centre ice offside will apply to prevent "cherry picking".
7. There will be no spiked footwear allowed and cpmpetitors will use regulation hockey sticks. Goalies will be allowed to use goalie stick, shin pads, catching glove, blocking glove and mask.
8. Each game will be 40 minutes straight time with teams switching ends at half-time. In the event of a tie, a 5-minute sudden death overtime period will follow. Should there still be a tie, a showdown will be held with three players from

It's back to the grind for not only University College students but everyone at Laurentian. But remember, while slaving over those books, that you will be glad that you got it all done ahead of time because a great week is just around the corner. On January 28, Laurentian's Winter Olympics are being kicked off by an AEF Square Dance and Torchlight Parade. Every day and night, for seven days straight, will be packed with a host of rowdie activities for everyone to enjoy. Let's see U.C. in the spirit and prepared for events like the curling bonspiel, campus pub crawl and ball hockey tournament. Practice that jiving for Percy and the Teardrop's Greaser dance, or sharpen up that unusual talent of yours for a spotlight in the crazy Gong Show. Remember to sign up for the ever-popular car/pub rally. U.C. has rented a bus, so no one needs to drive. What more could you ask for? And why not get a little competitive spirit together and build a prize winning ice sculpture. There is something in store for everyone so get your entry forms in early to ensure your good time.

University College Student Council Elections are in the near future. If you are interested in running for a position you should contact Dennis Pellerin. You need a letter telling what position you are interested in, and why, along with the signatures of the five students who are nominating you. So if you want to have a say in the actions of the U.C. Student Council you should consider becoming a Council member.

Sounds like 1978 could hold some great things for University Council, so let's see everyone involved somehow!

Salute To Communism

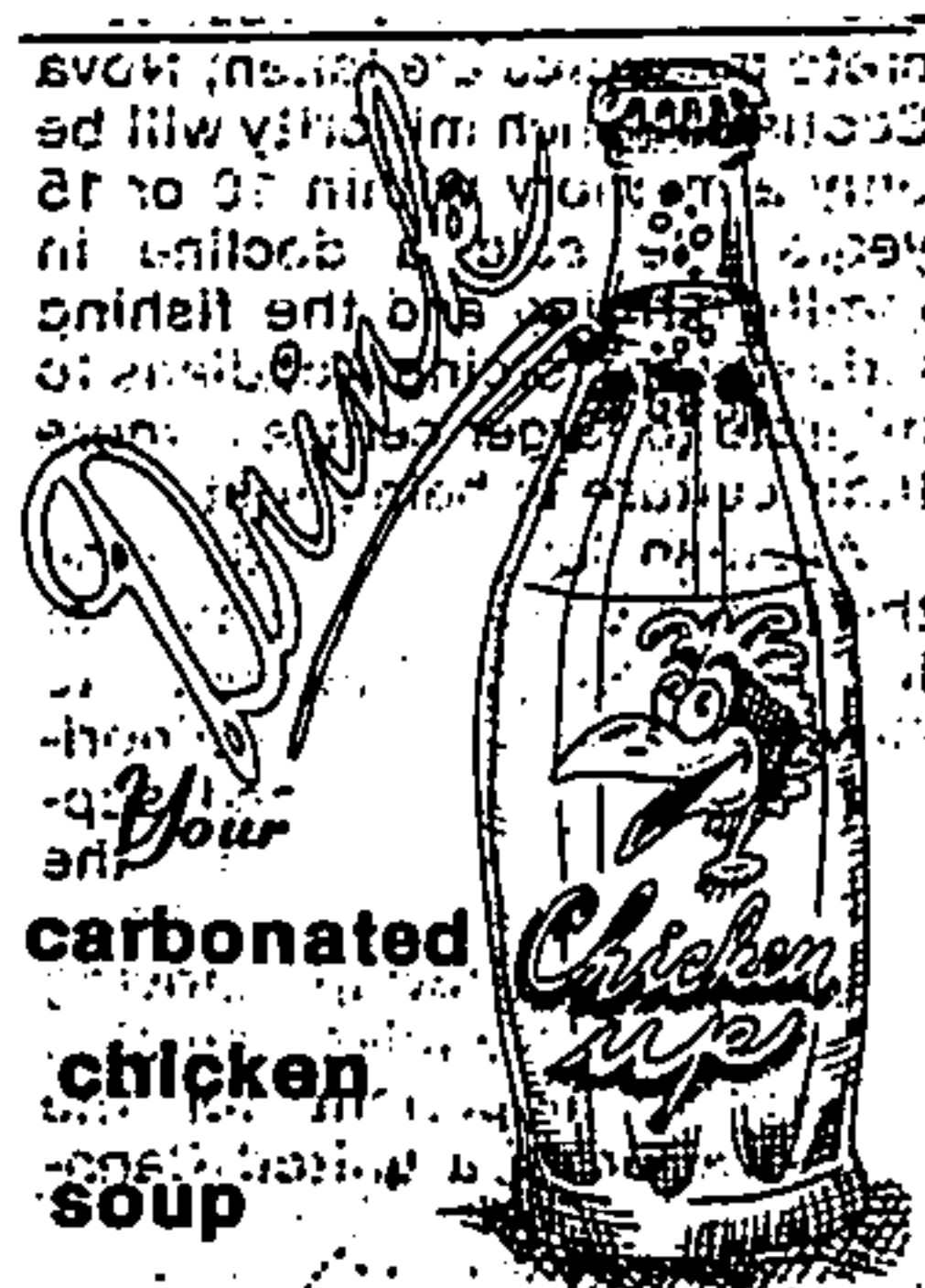
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Hardly is worth anything
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Covered in the shadows
Until
Reflecting the sun shining
More come
Following and joining in...

One man
Trying to find some meaning
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Wishing to share some feeling
Until
Coming to know one true friend
More come
Following and joining they grow

Gathering together we show
Gathering together we know
Gathering together we grow
Gathering together...

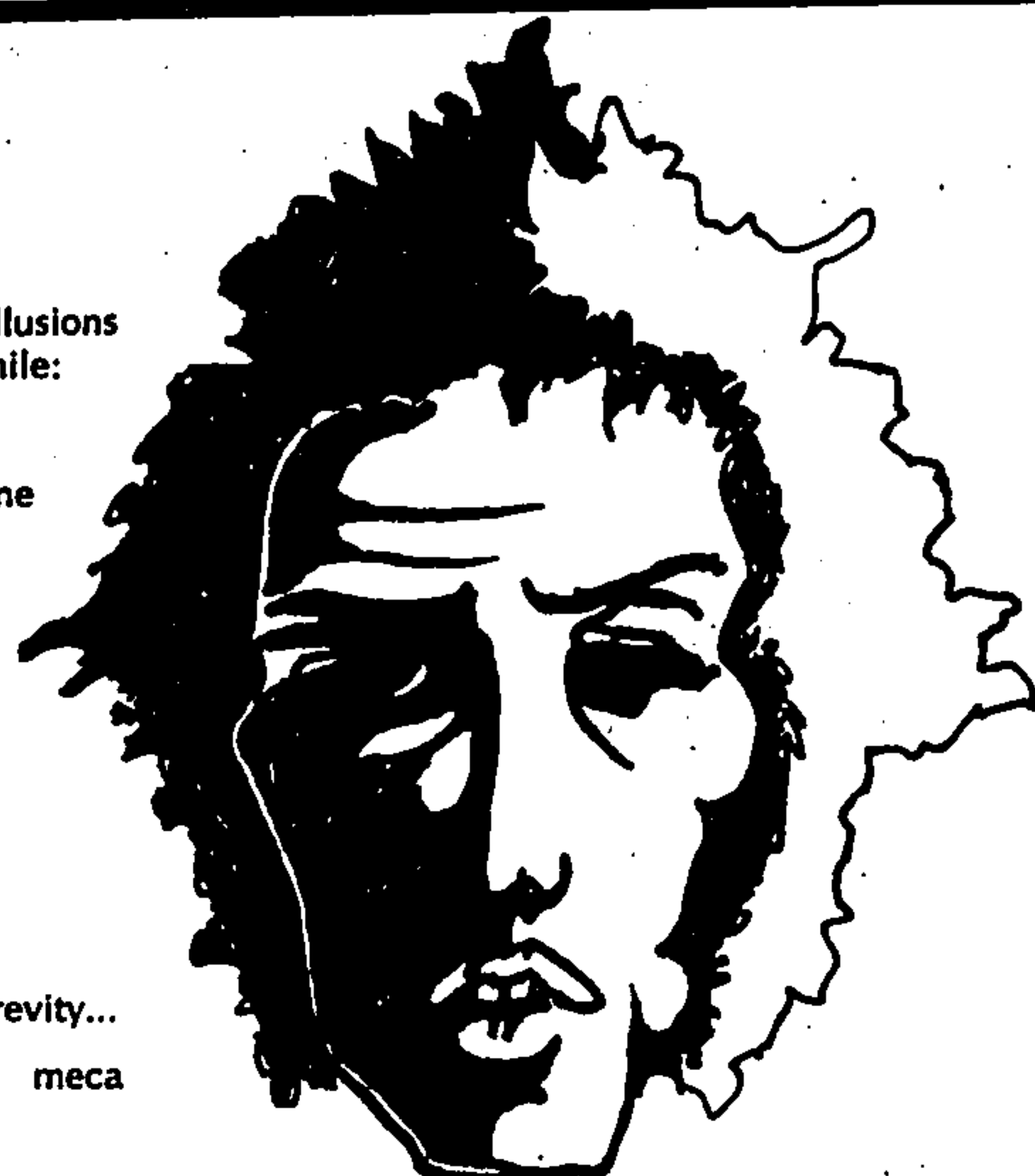
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To Mike:
Without making too many illusions
But on the purity of your smile:
Sincere and honest,
A whole cycle of your life
Recreated itself in front of me
In a soft slow melody...
You are the strangest
That I have ever met:
A young impetuous animal
That is untameable,
Capable of cruelty
And generous impulses,
Of violent joyous attacks,
Who loves life
With a feverish anxiety
To capture its fullness
As if you already knew its brevity...

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Four white walls enclosed my existence,
My brain was numb and non-performing,
The walls were like rubber,
Cold like cement
And at my touch, turned to blubber.
At this point, I began my performance:
Never living, never dying,
Never being, never reaching...
But, what point is in living
If you're not giving,
Existing in a world of plastic
Where nothing counts but ethics,
So you go about your business
And in nature, find your loveliness...

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The warming caressing hands of my lover exploring
over my body.
In search of new wonders
His whole body radiating security to mine
Our love entwining physically and spiritually
My love for him cascading like a waterfall
He whispers, gently of his passion for me
We search for hidden depth in our love.

As I lie in his arms, completely in love,
I wonder if our love will live or die,
But my fears are dissolved as he advances in love
And we lay together in mind and body - as one.



THE SILENT ANSWER: When anger comes, the best
answer is silence. Anger feeds on angry words. Silence wupplies
none. Anger is smothered by silence and sputters out. Like a
blanket of snow, silence covers all faults. When the sun shines
again, you will give thanks that all the inflammable words you
wanted to say were left unsaid, leaving no words or regrets to
repair. Silence is the shelter from the storm of anger.

Dolly



Weedies in the morning
Help to give you the get up and go!

Before some mysterious
And dramatic coincidences
Where any logical explanations
Seem impossible,
We have but to accuse Destiny!

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Has The Christian Church Failed Africa?

(The first of a series of three articles).

There are slow signs today that Christianity has painfully begun at last to take seriously the non-Christian religions of the world. Until now most of the Christian world has been content to live in its own little world of thought and to deny the validity of any other thought forms for expressing the Gospel. Now that the veneer of European colonialization is being torn away and thrown aside in many of the newly independent countries, we are beginning to realize how small and insecure are the Christian churches that all the missionary effort has planted. For the Roman Catholic Church it has been estimated that "in the last eight years, despite all the tremendous missionary efforts of the Church, the proportion of Roman Catholics in the population of the world has risen by only 0.14 per cent."

If Christianity is to be really intelligible to those who belong to completely different cultures from Western culture, the concepts which we are accustomed to use will have to be only be done by Africans themselves. This work is being attempted in so far as it is being attempted at all. The truth of the matter is it is a job best and only done by Africans.

The importance of the indigenous clergy for this task is obvious, but unfortunately the training they have received makes them unfit for the task. "Up to now their education and formation (which has been European and Western) has often been only too successful in a false sense, in that it has resulted not in a reverence and love, but a neglect and even contempt, for their own culture and philosophy. It is on the whole only European missionaries who have interested themselves in Indian, Chinese, Japanese and African philosophy and theology. In conversation with Asian and African theology students and priests one is always noticing that in their enthusiasm for European culture they are even less aware of the relativity of European philosophical and theological structures that are Europeans themselves.

The western world shall have to be humble enough therefore to realize that European theology does not possess the finality, which we tend to attach to it. It may indeed have reached the point of bankruptcy and have to wait for its renewal until other non-European theologies have been developed. But in any case the fact are to be faced that the area of western supremacy is drawing to its close, and therefore the old policy of westernizing the non-Christian before making him a Christian in the true sense, for example,

will automatically cease. But is the West prepared to surrender this approach to evangelism? It is not only the uniqueness of the Christian Gospel that has been preached in Africa, but the uniqueness of Western life styles; and the two have been so confused that the Christian Church in Africa is now regarded as the handmaid of Western aggression and imperialism - the one to be thrown out with the other. In Africa today, the complaint is that Christianity is the white man's religion. This complaint goes deeper than simple dissatisfaction with the European style of African Christianity and its lack of relation to traditional African ways of life. It is really a complaint that Christianity fails to correspond to the felt needs of Africa, because it has been organized to meet the needs of Europe. The intriguing thing about it is that there are today enthusiasts for introducing into African worship such things as indigenous music and dancing, but the enthusiasts are mainly non-African. This I cannot understand. Some questions come readily to my mind - "How many of the missionaries who have fun with African hymns and paintings recognize that a truly African worship is going to seem queer and distasteful to European Christians?"

How many have any conception of the profundity of difference between the Western and African world-view or, if they realised it, could accept the validity of the African? The hesitancy of many Africans to share enthusiasm for indigenization stems from their unspoken question: Do they know what they are asking for? Christ has been presented as the answer to the questions a European would ask the solution to the needs that Western man would feel the Saviour of the world of the European world-view, the object of the adoration and prayer of historic Christendom. But if Christ were to appear as the answer to the questions that Africans are asking, what would he look like? if he came into the world of African cosmology to redeem Man as Africans understand him, would He be recognizable to the rest of the Church Universal? And if Africa offered Him the praises and petitions of her total uninhibited humanity, would they be acceptable."

They must first be an attempt to understand that the African view of Man, has more in common with the biblical idea of the solidarity of Man than the Western individualism which has been imported into Christianity. Africa is faced with crisis in the form of the break-up of the solidarity of its traditional tribal patterns; the Church could be the means of

filling the vacuum with a greater and wider solidarity related not merely to kinsmen but to God and all mankind. To bring Africa to such an understanding means that Western Christians must first demonstrate this solidarity in their own communities. The drama of salvation must be played out in the fellowship of the local community, where men and women are truly real and human to one another and involved in one another. But the failure of the Churches usually to provide this fellowship is leading to the growth of the African independent Churches, which express the African Christian's need for a group intimate enough for him to feel at home as in the old solidarity.

(To be continued)



the author Clive Griffith, ne Kwame Mohlabani

NEWS FROM ST-MARK'S CHAPEL, THORNELOE COLLEGE.

Wednesday, 18th January 1978.
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Evening song, Said Mass and Office for Christian Unity at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 22nd January 1978. (Septuagesima)
Sung Mass and Prayers for Christian Unity at 5:30 p.m.
The sermon will be delivered by Fr. Denis Pion, Superior of

the Jesuits at the University of Sudbury
N.B. The Laurentian Community is cordially invited to join us in these acts of worship. A warm welcome awaits you.

Vees Hockey Action

By Dave Bedford

The Vees made their 1978 debut successful as they split a pair of games with a strong York University Yeomen squad. On Saturday, York downed the Vees by a 6-4 tally, and on Sunday, Laurentian turned the tables with a 7-5 victory.

On Saturday, the Vees ran into a little hard luck against York. York led 3-1 and the Vees came roaring back to tie the score at 3-3. With the score tied, Bruce Hubbarde made a beautiful solo rush, only to be turned back by York goalie Steve Bosco, formerly of the Toronto Marlboros Junior A club. This seemed to turn the tide in York's favour, and they responded by scoring two goals in the first 1:45 of the third period to put the game away. The Vees added another goal to make the final score 6-4 for York. Shots on net in the game were even at 34 apiece and 36 penalties, 20 of those to York! Laurentian goal scorers were Bob Dubis, Lou Clements, Tim Stortini and Bruce Hubbarde.

On Sunday, the Vees turned in their best effort of the year in turning back York 7-5. Five unanswered goals in the second period proved to be the decisive point as Laurentian outshot York 33-21 on the game. Lou Clements, with a goal and 2 assists, and Tim Stortini with 2 goals, turned in solid performances for the Vees. On the blueline, Bob Dubis turned in a good game, as York was on the

receiving end of many Dubis body checks. Rick Brown, playing his first game in goal for the Vees, looked strong for two periods, but seemed to tire in the third period, as did the team. Goal scorers for the Vees were Tim Stortini with 2, Ron Clements, Dennis Gazdic, Steve Demarco, Ken Adams, and Will Crothers, with his first of the season.

The Vees kept busy over the Christmas break, as they reached the finals of the University of Moncton hockey tourney. The first game of the tournament saw Laurentian playing St. Francis Xavier "X-Men" from Nova Scotia. The Vees won the wild affair 7-6 in overtime on a goal by Bruce Hubbarde at the 17 second mark. The stage was set for overtime at the 19:44 mark of the third period. With the score tied at 5-5, the X-Men scored to go ahead 6-5 with only 16 seconds to play. Coach Bill Harris removed goalie Rick Brown immediately, and sent out 6 attackers from the center ice face-off. Bob Dubis fired the puck into the X-Men zone, and Steve Demarco raced into the corner to pass it in front. He found Ken Adams open, and Adams slipped it home with only 3 seconds to play to send the game into overtime. Hubbarde's quick goal moved the Vees into the final.

In the final game, some erratic refereeing and some excellent

goaltending kept the Vees from becoming champions. The Vees outshot Moncton 42-20, yet the Moncton goalie was almost unbeatable. One Moncton goal was clearly offside, yet not called, and a delay of game call against Moncton in the final two minutes did not result in a Laurentian penalty shot, which is the correct call. The final score was 4-2 for Moncton, yet Laurentian looked quite strong in the game. Rick Brown again played a good game in goal for the Vees. The Vees are ready and optimistically looking forward to the second half of the season, as they seem to be jelling now.

Next action for the Vees is Jan. 13th in Toronto to face the powerful Varsity Blues, and Jan. 14 in Waterloo to face the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks. Next home action is on Sunday, January 29 versus the Waterloo Warriors. Come on out and cheer on the Vees in the quest for a playoff berth.



THE FAILURE OF LIBERALISM IN CANADA. THE LIBERAL IDEA OF CANADA.

By James and Robert Laxer, James Lorimer and Co.

When Pierre Trudeau became Prime Minister more than nine years ago, most Canadians expected a lot out of a man who made no promises. He was to usher in a Just Society, he was to cement Canadian unity in the spirit of Expo 67, he was to do away with poverty and preside over a period of economic bounty.

But, as James and Robert Laxer point out in this brilliant analysis of the crisis facing Canada, he has been one of the most dogmatic of Canadian politicians, holding the country together by raffle point in 1970 only to lose it in the ballot box in 1976. After a decade, the poor are still with us and the army of unemployed is growing. And a reckless economic policy, based on the ruthless exportation of natural resources, has led to an economic crisis severe enough to warrant the imposition of almost universally detested incomes policy.

What has happened, the Laxers argue, is the failure of the liberal idea of Canada. This idea is based on a belief that free market competition is driving man toward an ever glorious future. Through a series of compromises the liberals have convinced Canadians to submit to American domination of our economy in return for a high standard of living. They have convinced workers to submit to a country run by larger corporations in return for the stability it offers. And they have convinced the French-Canadians to accept the extinguishment of their nationalistic aspirations in exchange for language rights outside of Quebec.

In every one of these compromises the liberals have held out a carrot regarding the future. And the lengthy Liberal tenure as the government has depended on its ability to deliver.

But in 1975 the Liberals came to the startling conclusion that the future simply wasn't what it used to be, that Canadians would have to start cutting down on their expectations.

The Laxers trace the economic crisis to the so-called energy crisis of the early 1970s when it became apparent that Canadians would no longer be able to export oil and

natural gas at the rates that had been anticipated.

The high level of exports had been counted on to balance Canada's inordinate dependence on the import of manufactured goods from the United States.

It is this balance of trade crisis, not inflation, that the Laxers see as the main cause for wage and price controls. With wage and price controls has come the rhetoric of decreased expectations, a rhetoric that has gained support

because of the simultaneous growth of ecologically-oriented thought.

The crisis in Quebec comes from the Liberals' inability to deal with the new Quebec nationalism. Trudeau associates it, the Laxers say, with the old self as the

conservative nationalism technocrat who must put of his youth. The old the unrealistic nationalist nationalism was centered dreamers in their place. around the Church and Instead of falling into the usual fallacy of seeing Trudeau as rural hewers of wood and drawers of water, Trudeau sees him-the man of heart, in a unemotional battle for the future of the

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Wiley Perks

Wiley's Femur, in UC's basement re-opened on Sunday to the smell of real coffee, and to the sound of Neil Lefaire and friends Ellen, Alice and Corine. The four of them did a great job on material ranging from Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Chicago and John Denver to a lovely instrumental called Classical Gas. Francophones please note that they performed a few French numbers too. Thanks to all four. Wiley's is open from 8 or so to about 10:00, with entertainment at 8:30. This week, John Still - well worth coming out for, if you've heard him before, and some new talent, Nancy McDonald. Donuts will be served as always and we'll have some hot spiced cider, Bonimart willing. See you there.

The Hiding Place

World War II bursts over Holland. The Nazis take over. In Haarlem the ten Boom family's home-watchshop becomes a hub of activity for an underground force aiding Jews. Corrie ten Boom (Jeannette Clift), a devout Christian, directs much of the work, involving the hiding of them and later smuggling them out of the country.

Eventually the Gestapo learn of the operation and raid the house, sending Corrie, her sister Betsie (Julie Harris), father (Arthur O'Connell), and others to prison. Nazi soldiers unsuccessfully search the house for the secret room in which six people, who manage to escape, were hidden.

At the infamous Ravensbruck concentration camp in Germany, the ten Boom sisters spend tortuous months with scores of other women, but are befriended by a prison trusty working as a nurse (Eileen Heckart). The faith and courage of Corrie and Betsie and the sharing of a Bible smuggled into the camp by Corrie bring hope and joy to these people trapped in an otherwise hopeless situation.

Betsie becomes ill and dies in Ravensbruck. The father previously had died in another prison. Corrie ten Boom, through a clerical error, is released, permitting her to take her first step in carrying throughout the world the message of hope and love.

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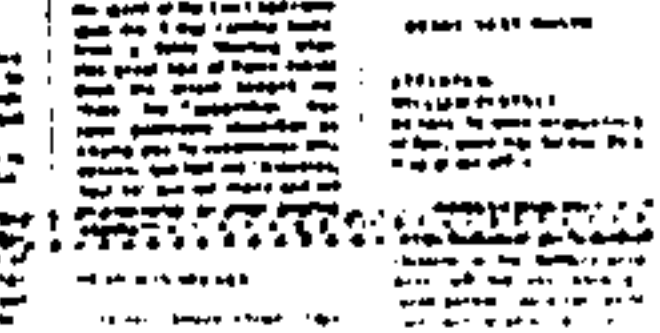
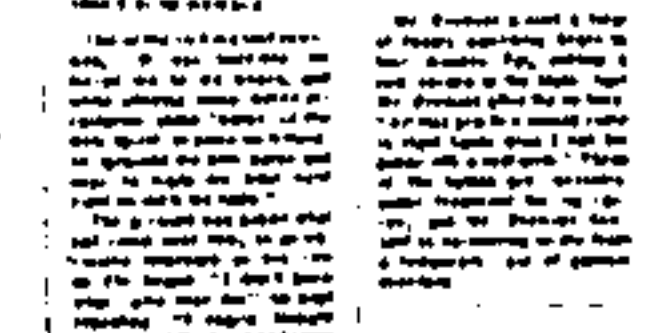
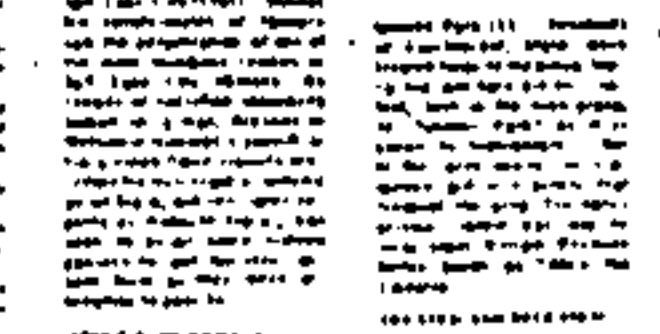
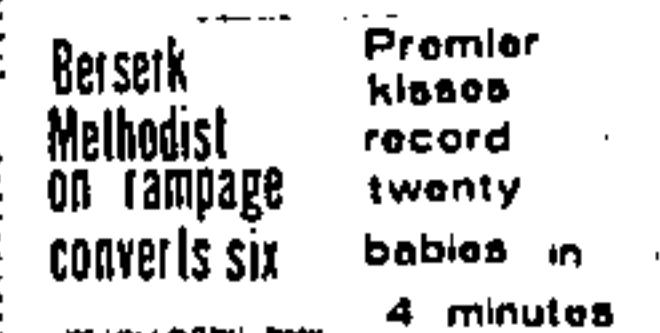
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SOUTH AFRICA: APARTHEID IN CRISIS

Racial discrimination is the law in South Africa, where a person's political, social and economic rights are decided solely by the colour of his or her skin. The government of South Africa, architect of this policy, has named this system of organised racism *apartheid*. This government represents only the white people of South Africa, less than 20% of the population. Apartheid is the "legal" expression of the whites' political, social and economic supremacy over the black people of South Africa.

The horrors of apartheid for the black people of South Africa are widely known, and have drawn protest throughout the world. Africans are denied all political rights, not being allowed to vote or to form political parties. Blacks cannot move freely in their own country, but must carry a pass book, or face arrest. Blacks make up 80% of the population; they have rights to only 13% of the land. A black child has but one chance in a hundred of reaching secondary school. Blacks are assigned inadequate and inferior social services. Interracial marriage is prohibited.

A huge police-and-informer network freely detains, without trial, anyone, black or white, who opposes apartheid. The Christian Institute of South Africa (itself recently banned) estimated the number of detainees, of all races, in 1976 at over 5,000. Hundreds of blacks have died in South African prisons.

Nor is this merely a matter of "racial discrimination". It is important to remember that this system of racial oppression has been constructed for one central purpose: the exploitation of cheap black labour. The owners of South Africa's farms, mines and factories are the recipients of one of the highest rates of profit in the world. These profits are directly tied to the desperately low wages paid to their labourers: black incomes are, on average, barely 1/20th of those of whites. South African legislation insures that these low wages and high profits are maintained at their current rates; black workers are prevented by law from holding skilled jobs, from striking over wages or working conditions, and from forming legally recognized trade unions. In the final analysis apartheid means black poverty on the one hand and white wealth and privilege on the other.

It is equally important to realise that South African whites are not the sole beneficiaries of apartheid. For the owners and managers of western business in South Africa also share in white wealth and privilege, and benefit from the perpetuation of black poverty. Western companies have invested heavily in every sector of South Africa's economy, especially during the last two decades, as the net of apartheid has been more tightly drawn. Indeed, western capital is the foundation of the entire edifice of the apartheid economy. For the multinational firms of Britain, America, Canada, and other western countries, apartheid ensures huge profits. Western investment, now totalling well over 20 billion, in turn assures the survival of apartheid.



THE AFRICAN CHALLENGE

Fortunately, the story does not end there: the people of South Africa have continued to challenge white supremacy, and today especially, apartheid faces a massive political and economic crisis. Beginning on

June 16, 1976, with a strike by students in the African township of Soweto, demonstrations against apartheid have erupted and spread throughout the country. The people of South Africa demand the end of apartheid, the right to rule themselves.

The South African government has answered with repression: tanks, bullets, police dogs, and torture. Thousands of unarmed men, women and children have been shot in the streets; thousands more have been detained or banned; unknown numbers have died in prison. Yet the resistance continues.

This political challenge has threatened to overturn the increasingly vulnerable economy of South Africa. The price of gold, the country's chief export, is unstable; there is serious inflation, and unemployment, falling mainly on black workers, exceeds 20%. The costs of weaponry needed for intensified repression within South Africa, and for the South African army's wars in Angola and Namibia, have created a serious balance-of-payments crisis. Without massive injections of foreign finance, the South African economy cannot survive.

The lines of the struggle are clearly drawn, and there can be no neutral ground. Apartheid is threatened as never before. The racist government knows this; while escalating repression at home, the South African government has turned to its strongest ally, western business, for financial aid.



BANKING ON APARTHEID: S.A.'S ALLIES

Western banks have been quick to give apartheid a vote of fiscal confidence. Between 1970 and 1973, international financial consortia, which included banks from the United States, Canada and Western Europe, secretly loaned the South African government and its agencies over \$200 million. As the crisis of apartheid has grown, so has western banks' support for white supremacy: by the end of 1976, total loans outstanding amounted to nearly two billion dollars. Many of these loans have serviced strategic projects in uranium, steel, and electricity, intended to make South Africa self-sufficient and hence free from international pressure to change its racial policies. Other loans have relieved the budgetary costs of domestic repression by financing an ever growing military machine. One such loan, in part tendered by Canadian banks, has helped provide the South African government with the funds needed to establish itself in nuclear weaponry.

Western bank loans stand between the South African government and bankruptcy, between the South African people and their freedom.



THE CANADIAN CONNECTION:

Canadian corporations have of course long profited from apartheid. According to a 1973 study by the YWCA of Canada, Canadian investors in South Africa included some of this country's largest corporations: Alcan, Falconbridge, Massey-Ferguson, Ford, Inco, Manufacturers' Life and others.

But the direct loans to the South African state were unprecedented. Four Canadian banks are implicated: the Toronto-Dominion Bank, the Canadian-Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank. Confidential documents obtained in the United States in 1973 revealed the involvement of the first three of these Canadian banks in two of the consortia making the secret loans of the early 70s. Additional evidence has linked all four banks to the even more crucial loans of the past few years—loans to such important bulwarks of the South African state as the

Iron and Steel Corporation and the Electric Supply Commission (sponsor of South Africa's nuclear programme).

The case against the banks is clear. They are propping up racism. Canadian bankers' pursuit of easy profit, unhindered by any federal government constraint, is drawing this country deeper into the intensifying struggle in Southern Africa—on the side of apartheid.



WHAT DO THE BANKS SAY?

Canadian banks are evasive. They hide behind the slogan of "client confidentiality" in order to avoid public scrutiny on a question of concern to all Canadians. In the words of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, "We examine all applications, and from time to time we may make loans but we will not disclose them". Only the Bank of Montreal will admit straightforwardly to its involvement—"Yes, we still have outstanding loans with that client (South Africa)"—although even that bank will not give out any details concerning the extent and character of its loans. However, none will deny their participation and all are eager to defend the practice of making such loans to South Africa.

They may claim, as does the Toronto-Dominion Bank, that western investment, in fact, "liberalizes" and eases apartheid. As if the clear trend in South Africa were not towards greater and greater oppression, rather than the reverse. They may claim, as does the Canadian-Imperial Bank of Commerce, that these are

strictly business decisions into which "political factors" must not be allowed to enter. As if loans to assist a fascist state to weather its economic crisis and build up its repressive arsenal were politically neutral. Or they may claim, as does the Royal Bank, that careful calculations are being made to become involved in only those loans which might "benefit" the oppressed people of South Africa. As if we could take on trust that the Royal is doing so, without any public knowledge or check upon their activities. As if, even more importantly there could be any loan to the South African government which would not strengthen the apparatus of apartheid. As the Canadian churches have tellingly responded to this argument:

To say that some South African Government departments or agencies can operate to the benefit of black South Africans is to fly in the face of history. Apartheid is the official policy of the South African government and of all its departments and agencies.



THE FACTS EXPLODE THE BANKS' SMOKESCREEN

In South Africa itself there is little controversy over the importance of the bank loans. Black and white alike agree that they are crucial to the survival of apartheid.

On the one hand, Prime Minister John Vorster states: "Each trade agreement, each bank loan, each new investment is another brick in the wall of our continued existence". On the other hand, virtually all those South Africans who seek the destruction of the oppressive system in their country—liberation movements like the African National Congress (ANC), political organizations like the South African Student Association (SASO) and the Black People's Convention (BPC) which have been active in recent years, liberal critics like the Christian Institute of South Africa—have called for an end to foreign bank loans to the South African government.

The banks' claim that their loans improve the lot of black South Africans is a crude and cynical insult to the courage of those who have faced bullets, tear gas, dogs, detention, torture and death in South Africa in recent months. Western bank loans have underwritten what a *Toronto Globe and Mail* editorial has called the "organized terrorism" of the South African state.



THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S COMPLICITY

Can we look to our government to intervene to discourage the banks' activities? After all, Canada has been outspoken in condemning "apartheid" at the United Nations and elsewhere. And several years ago Prime Minister Trudeau went so far as to state, with reference to our economic links to South Africa, "It's not consistent. Either we should stop trading or stop condemning". Yet we have continued to do both; indeed, when the Prime Minister was challenged at the 1977 Commonwealth Conference to give real meaning to Canada's rhetoric regarding South Africa he said unequivocally, "As far as the private sector is concerned we will not interfere in trade nor investment".

More recently Canada helped veto a United Nations' resolution which would have imposed economic sanctions upon South Africa. Clearly, the banking community finds only friends in official government circles. Any challenge to their role will have to come directly from the Canadian people themselves.



CANADIANS HAVE CHALLENGED THE BANKS' SUPPORT FOR APARTHEID

Increasing numbers of Canadians, including representatives of Canada's major churches, political parties, trade unions and academic communities have demanded that this country's bankers cease their loans to the South African state.

The Taskforce on Churches and Corporate Responsibility is an ecumenical body including the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches. It has conducted a dialogue with the banks since 1975. The Taskforce finds the loans indefensible: "Bank loans to the government of South Africa and its subsidiary agencies are a vote in cash for apartheid."

The Ontario Federation of Students, representing 140,000 college and university students, has condemned the banks' policies and has removed its funds from the banks concerned. Other provincial student federations are following suit, as is the National Union of Students, the organization which represents all post-secondary students in Canada. In addition, on some campuses, notably the University of Toronto, groups of faculty and students are beginning to query their own universities' links to the banks.

Non-governmental organizations throughout Canada, such as OXFAM and CUSO, are demanding that Canadian banks cease their loans, are withdrawing their funds

from these banks, and are conducting campaigns to focus public pressure.

Increasing concern over the banks' activities has also expressed itself within the Canadian labour movement. For example, Joe Morris, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, has told the United Nations' Special Committee on Apartheid that "...if we condemn apartheid, we must also condemn those investing in it: those directly or indirectly helping to maintain this rabid system."

So far the banks' response to this growing movement has been a refusal to change. Yet...



Citizen Pressure Has Succeeded in the United States and Europe. After Dutch citizens campaigned against loans to South Africa, Holland's two largest banks announced their intention to deny loans to the South African government until it embarks on fundamental changes.

In the United States, where a large number of churches, unions and citizens' groups are active, nine regional banks have taken similar positions. Moreover, a mounting nation-wide public campaign there is expected to lengthen this list.

YOU, AS A CUSTOMER OF CANADA'S BANKS, CAN ACT

The banks have told their critics that our democracy does not extend into the economy, that decisions about loans are the business of management and cannot be made by shareholders or depositors. But this is not likely to seem a satisfactory response to you if, like many Canadians, you don't want your dollars used to buy time for racism abroad while Canadians face unemployment and inflation at home.

So, if you want to challenge such cynical profiteering and your bank's complicity in the oppression of others, here are some things you might do: Ask your bank manager to justify bank policy. Or write to your bank's president. Or consider what your group, your union, your congregation, might do with its funds if the banks continue in their present course of action.



For further information, contact:



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No more pictures of apartheid

The Polaroid company has cut off business relations with South Africa following the revelation that their polaroid film was being sold to the South African government.

This marks the first time a company has pulled out of South Africa for political reasons.

Allan Burch, public relations director for Polaroid of Canada said Thursday the action was taken because the South Africa government

was using Polaroid identification systems to produce pass books which every black citizen must carry - a perpetuation of the South African apartheid policy. This practice is against the corporation's anti-apartheid policy.

The use of I.D. systems was discovered in 1971 by Polaroid and as a result, a delegation of executives was sent to South Africa to investigate. The corporation then instructed their agents (distributors) Frank and

Hirsth to discontinue sales of all products to the government.

This was done and an agreement was drawn up between Polaroid and their agent to insure that the South African government did not receive any other products manufactured by Polaroid.

The corporation blames the agency for the sale of the film for use in the I.D. system, thus violating the 1971 agreement.

A spokesperson for Frank and Hirsth, in an interview with CBS T.V. on Nov. 23, claimed the sale was done through retail outlets. He further stated that they were only the distributors and could not regulate such retail sales. The spokesperson went on to say that this was an unfair move on the part of the Polaroid corporation.

Polaroid's agreement was quite clear and outlines corporation policy towards apartheid and sales to a govern-

ment that supports apartheid.

The corporation is on record as stating that they "abhor the policy of apartheid implemented by the South African government."

Polaroid has been known as a progressive corporation in South Africa because of its "equal pay for equal work" policy regarding black workers.

Happenings

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Miriam Edelson, Chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students will speak to the student body on student aid, summer employment, and upcoming provincial cabinet meeting and the raising of the drinking age. The place: The Great Hall. The time: Thursday, January 19th, at noon.

HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON
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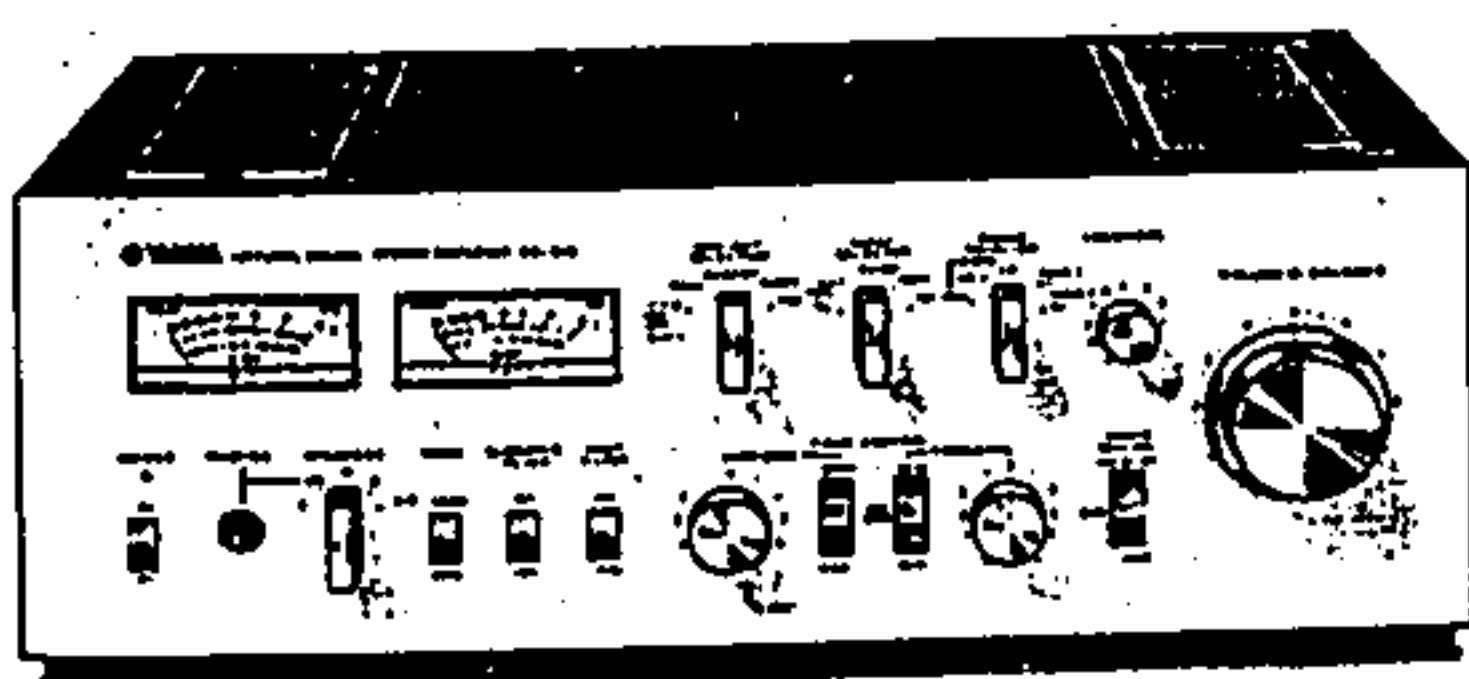
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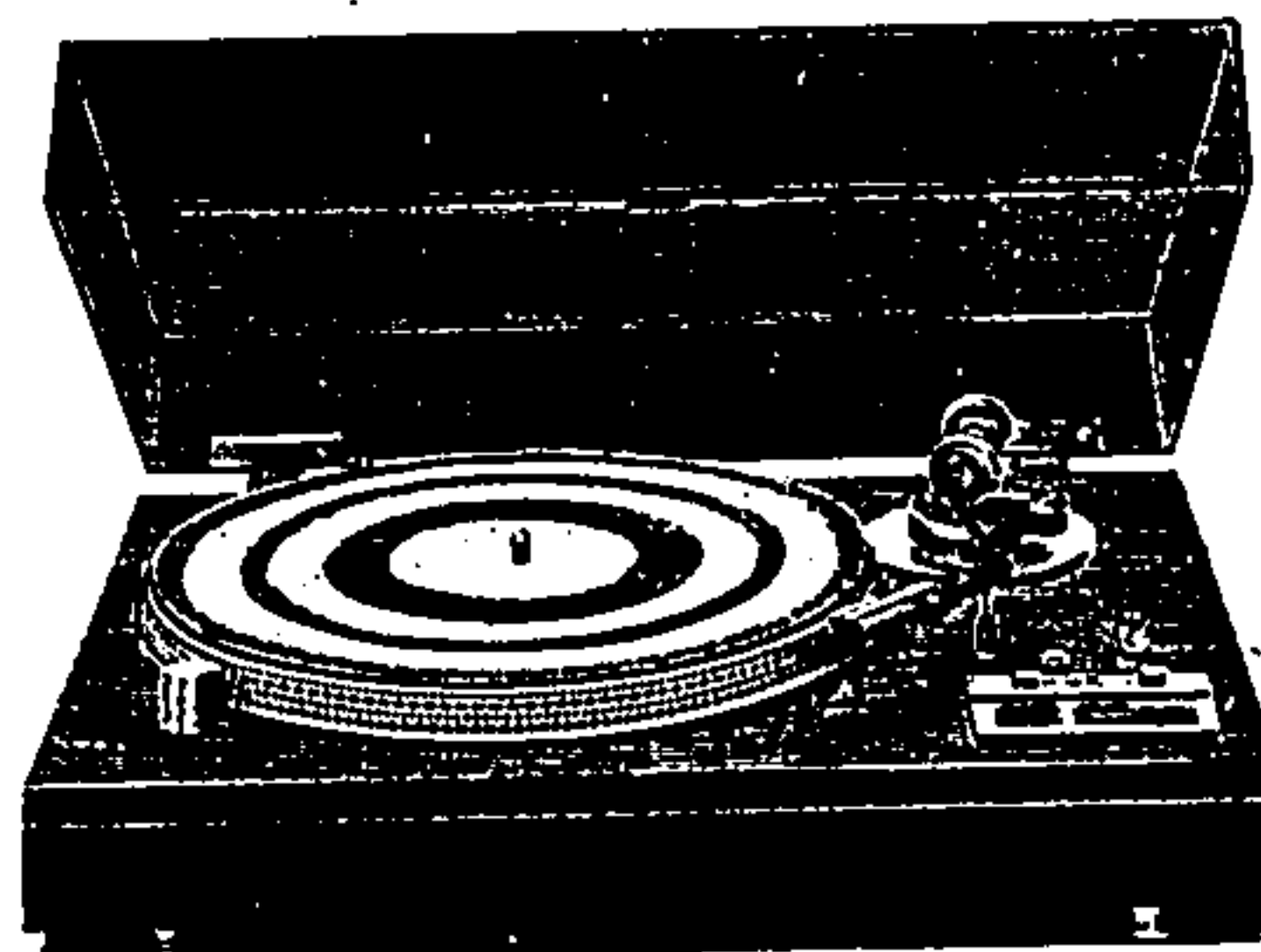
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Budget Cuts, Salary Increases

As the saying goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. While preparing for this weeks Senate meeting I noticed a few items of business which might be of interest to students.

The first item which caught my eye was the 1978/79 budget estimates. I emphasize estimates because these figures may change, however the estimated expenditures exceed the estimated revenue by approximately 13 per cent. This is not a healthy state of affairs however I am sure much will be done to bring this figure more in line.

The second item that caught my eye was the recommendations for tenure for twelve prof's. This is in

my opinion, a poorly timed move on behalf of the Senate executive. There are two major reasons why I say this. First, one need only look at the first item which caught my eye, that being that we are already in for cut backs in next years budget. Though salary increases need not follow the granting of tenure, tradition says that an increase will follow.

Secondly, and perhaps more important, is that we are expecting the report of the Long Range Academic Planning Committee (see article by J. Weaver). This report is going to redefine the relationship between students and faculty and in the words of Dr. Best "we face an over-all reduction of resources in the future". If this is true then perhaps

we should table such talk about granting tenure until after we have discussed the Long Range Plan.

(Faculty concerned: don't panic, this is nothing personal in this opinion, it is simply a statement of priorities).

Well that ends my comments for this week. So until next week, good luck and good bye.

Thought for the Day.

A camel is a horse put together by a committee while an elephant is a mouse built to government specifications.

by Tim Moyle

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Francophone Registration Day Needed

An Anglophone View...

The position of the A.e.f., in its request that the "journée d'inscription francophone" be re-instated, is sound.

It is especially sound, given that all student organizations have problems getting students involved. The A.e.f., REACTION and other Francophone groups have an added problem - IDENTIFYING their members amid a mass of students at Registration.

The journée d'inscription

francophone mitigates this problem and its effects. It gives Francophones the opportunity to get together and create a common awareness from the start. This issue is of the UTMOST importance to Francophones. Senate, in its Thursday meeting, should wholeheartedly support the A.e.f.'s recommendation to hold a FRANCOPHONE REGISTRATION DAY.

by Barbara Dingwall

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AGENDA

- instruction, new equipment.
- Thursday, January 19th issue.
- typesetters' schedules.

Meeting begins at 5 p.m. See you there.

The Peoples People

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